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GALLUP LABOR PLEA 'NOT GUILTY'

100 UNIONS JOIN ANTI-WAR CONGRESS

\$10,000 NEEDED TO APPEAL C.S. CONVICTIONS

WRIT FILED IN FIGHT
TO HAVE BAIL SET FOR
DEFENDANTS

Victims Still Held

WORKERS CALL FOR MASS
MEETING AT PLAZA
THEATRE MAY 1

SACRAMENTO, April 16.—Judge Lemmon appeared in court at 10 a. m. this morning after hiding from Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher the day before, to find the court room packed with workers. When Leo Gallagher attempted to make motions regarding the C. S. case and his own contempt case in open court before the workers the judge said: "Mr. Gallagher, you can assume that any motion you now contemplate making as having already been made and denied." Court was then immediately adjourned. The motions were submitted in writing which is apparently the only way that Judge Lemmon will receive them from the C. S. defense attorney. He does not want these cases to be heard by the workers of Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, April 18.—The Criminal Syndicalism defendants, railroaded to terms of one to fourteen years in the penitentiary on framed charges of conspiracy to commit Criminal Syndicalism, today filed petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the Third District Court of Appeals. The petition was filed through Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, who defended the cases in court.

Whether the court will issue the writ is not known as we go to press, but if it is granted the hearing will be held in the near future, probably next week. At the hearing a renewed attempt will be made to have bail set for the defendants, pending their appeal of the conviction to a higher court. This bail was denied a few days ago by Judge Lemmon, who presided at the trials.

The petition for the writ was based on the inability of these defendants who defended themselves in court, from conducting their defense in prison cells.

If the event of the writ being denied, the defendants will move (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3.)

Furniture Workers May Call Strike

PAY INCREASE DEMANDED
BY L. A. UNION IN
STRIKE VOTE

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—Unless its demands are met, the Furniture Workers' Union will strike. The members voted 1265 to 72 to strike unless the manufacturers grant them 75 cents an hour for skilled workers and 50 cents hourly for unskilled labor.

International May Day has been named as the date for the strike, if the Furniture Manufacturers' Association does not accede by that time.

About 60 shops and 3000 workers will be involved, according to union officials estimates. The threatened strike is part of a coastwide movement for increased wages, officials said, and range from Seattle to San Diego.

L.A. Workers Send May Day Greeting From the Dungeon

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Dear Comrades: We send you greetings and hope this May Day brings into our ranks a greater abundance of workers.

We class war prisoners hope that the solidarity of the workers shall be greater in the future.

Workers! May Day is your day, where we show the capitalist class that our ranks are stronger. All out on May Day. Down with tools. Down with Capitalism. Down with Imperialist War. Long live May Day. Long live the workers' government.

Paul Shapiro,
Jack Hopkins,
Nick Tugle,
Jack Appici,
(Class war prisoners in the
Lincoln Heights jail.)

Strike Victory Won By Scalers' Union In Pedro

RECOGNITION OF UNION
AND HIRING HALL
ARE WON

Struck Two Weeks

INCREASED WAGES AND
36-HOUR WEEK AMONG
GAINS

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 18.—Union recognition, hiring through the union hall with a union dispatcher, wage increases and a thirty-six hour week were won by striking scalers in an agreement signed with shipowners here this morning.

The strikers, who have been out for more than two weeks, will return to work tomorrow under the agreement which represents a smashing victory for the workers. Militant picketing was carried out during the whole of the strike, during which one young striker, Juan Duran, was shot by a Bethlehem Company gun thug.

Original demands included the six-hour day and 80 cents per hour, union recognition and union hiring conditions. Under the agreement signed today the basic rate of pay will be 50 cents per hour. A union inspector will be allowed on the job and the companies have agreed to pay half the expenses of the hiring hall.

The basic rate of pay for scalers and painters in San Francisco also is 50 cents per hour and 70 cents per hour overtime.

The San Pedro agreement expires September 30, 1935, the same date as expiration of the agreement between shipowners and the Longshoremen and Seamen. The San Pedro scalers are members of Local 3891 of the International Longshoremen's Association.

FIGHTING RELIEF CUTS IN LONDON

LONDON, April 15.—The City Council here is planning to slash 25 per cent off the total amount paid out for relief and is resorting to the method of weeding the relief lists in order to do it.

The London and District Unemployed is leading the fight against this action.

RANK AND FILE HAVE CONTROL OF MARINE FED.

REACTIONARIES ROUTED
IN NORTHERN
CONGRESS

Morris Defeated

S. F. SAILORS' UNION
DEMAND OUSTING
OF SCHARRENBURG

BULLETIN

SEATTLE, Wash., April 19.—The convention of the Pacific Coast Marine Federation refused to seat Delegate Deal, District Secretary of the San Francisco Ferry Boatmen. Deal was charged with scab herding while vice-chairman of the San Francisco strike committee. The convention booted him out of the hall.

Paddy Morris tried to defend Deal but was also booted down. Immigration authorities stopped Canadian delegates at the border. Protest from the convention forced them to allow entry.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18.—Rank and file sentiment for a showdown in the more than a month old tanker strike was growing here today among the seventy-five delegates to the West Coast Marine Federation Congress, now in its fourth day of meeting.

Meanwhile the struggle of the rank and file for a militant West Coast Maritime Federation seemed won today as reactionaries were routed in their attempts to turn the Federation into a "machine department" with representatives from the top officialdom of the unions affiliated.

Paddy Morris, reactionary delegate from the Tacoma Local of the International Longshoremen's Association was leader of the opposition group, while Harry Bridges, fighting president of the San Francisco Local of the I. L. A., fought with the rank and file for (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1.)

Hearing Begun For 45 Facing Gallup Murder Frame-up

Union and Unemployed Leaders In Court
Answer "Not Guilty" to Sheriff's Death

COURT PROCEEDINGS OPEN IN ATMOSPHERE OF
LYNCH TERROR; I. L. D. ATTORNEY PRESENT

GALLUP, N. M., April 18.—In a courtroom heavily guarded with police, who sought to intimidate the workers who crowded to the trial by a "search for weapons," preliminary hearing of the Gallup murder trial began yesterday.

Forty-five of the forty-eight defendants were present, the other three being still in hospital beds, wounded by police bullets at the same time that Gallup deputies murdered two of their comrades and, witnesses report, also killed Sheriff Carmichael.

It is for the death of Carmichael, who eyewitnesses assert was killed by bullets shot by Sheriff Roberts, that the forty-eight are facing charges of murder in the first degree.

The defendants are: Dorothea Andrade, Manuel Avitia, Jose Bartol, Jacobo Barreras, Vinco Baturose, Jose Felipe Barea, Juan Castro, Gregorio Corra, Bill Cutton, Albino Casas, Victor Correa, Augustine Calvillo, Victor Campos, Felicia Dominguez, Bonaficio Fernandez, Rudolph Fernandez, Willie Gonzales, Tony Gallegos, Altagracia Gomez, Vicente Gomez, Vicente Gillon, Mrs. Dolores Hernandez, Pedro Jacques, Jose G. Lopez, Pablo Luna de Mendoza, Pedro Moreno, Jesus Martinez, Tomas Morales, Augustine Masias, Juan Ochoa, Mrs. Alfonso Ray, Pilar Rodriguez, Vidal Rodriguez, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Alfonso Ray, Serapio Sosa, Mike Starov, Mrs. Soledad Sanchez, Mrs. John Tonnac, Mrs. Erlinda Tonnac, Leandro Velarde, Aspidio Velarde, Crescencio Villi and Mrs. Leandro Velarde, Terese Avitia.

Included among them are active leaders in the miners union in Gallup and leaders of the Communist Party.

Vincent Gomez is held in the penitentiary infirmary here, and Pedro Moreno and Mrs. Soledad Sanchez are in Gallup hospital. They will come up for hearing as soon as they are well enough.

* Not Guilty

In addition to the murder charge to which all pleaded "Not Guilty," another charge was presented—aiding and assisting Exequio Navarro in escaping from custody. Navarro and two other defendants arrested when they had been entering their homes following evidence by Senator Vogel, were being taken from the office of Justice of the Peace Bickel when the crowd of workers, who had been excluded from the office, were fired on by deputies. In the confusion Navarro escaped and is still free.

* Deny all Objections

The courtroom was charged with tension as the preliminary hearing began. Clarence Lynch, International Labor Defense Attorney, A. L. Wirin, American Civil Liberties Union lawyer, and Wheaton Augur and Arthur Hesh were defense council. The frame-up proceedings were quickly revealed as Judge M. A. Otero repeatedly denied all objections raised by the defense on the grounds that they could be brought up later at the trial.

Dr. E. L. Travers, Gallup Physician, was the first witness. He testified to the death of Carmichael from two bullet wounds.

Judge Bickel was next. He had a very convenient memory. On one occasion he couldn't remember (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2.)

PROGRAM FOR ANTI-WAR MEET DECIDED UPON

FIGHT AGAINST WAR AND
FASCISM RECEIVES
WIDE SUPPORT

Mass Rally, April 28

MANY PROMINENT LABOR
LEADERS WILL
SPEAK

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council of San Jose have announced the election of delegates to the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism, to be held in San Francisco, April 28. All meetings will take place at the Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero st.

This endorsement, following that of the San Francisco Council of Marine Crafts, representing 25 A. F. of L. locals, raises the roster of unions supporting the Congress to over 100, from all states on the West Coast.

The Congress will open with a preliminary conference of all delegates which will convene at 4 p. m., Saturday afternoon, April 27. On Sat. eve., April 27, a reception and a dance will be held for the delegates. Refreshments will be served and the Hollywood Theater of Action will give a play.

The Congress will open its regular sessions at 10 a. m., Sunday morning, April 28.

Sunday evening there will be a huge mass meeting at 8:00 o'clock. Speakers at the mass meeting will include:

Assemblyman Paul Richie, Ben Legere, S. F. Democratic Council, Rev. Herick Lane, Major Lawrence Milner, Chairman of the Northwest Committee Against War and Fascism, Richard Criley, student strike committee, University of California, Anita Whitney, Communist (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6.)

PARADES, MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AND C. S. PROTEST MEETINGS ON MAY DAY CELEBRATION PROGRAM

Demonstrations to Be
Held All Over
Country

UNITY OF SOCIALIST AND
COMMUNIST PARTIES IS
SHOWN TO BE STRONG

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—A United Front of Socialists and Communists has been established here for a May Day demonstration in Lincoln Park. The main fight here is against the proposed forced labor bill aimed against jobless workers.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Hundreds of thousands of workers, East, West, South and North, are preparing for mighty united front demonstrations of proletarian solidarity on May 1.

A total of 1160 delegates representing scores of workers' and white collar organizations met here last Saturday afternoon in an unprecedentedly large and enthusiastic pre-May Day conference. Manning Johnson, popular Negro organizer of the Cafeteria Workers' Union was elected chairman of the conference.

United Front May Day rallies are being prepared in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the United States as Socialists, trade unionists, black and white and unemployed, disillusioned with Roosevelt and the New Deal, joined hands in solidarity against oppression, unemployment, police terror and increasing misery.

Lovestoneites Plan Sabotage.

DETROIT, Mich., April 18.—Socialist Party leaders, working with the Lovestoneite group here plan to split May Day forces as the Communist Party repeatedly called for a United Front of all organizations. The Socialist Party has set up an opposition May Day committee, opposed to the Provisional United Front Conference called by the Communist Party.

Unions to Parade.

DANBURY, Conn., April 18.—For the first time in its history this city will see a public May Day demonstration as the Central Labor Union here voted for a parade on May Day. All unions have been invited to participate.

Fight May Day Ban.

CINCINNATI, Ohio., April 18.—Permission to hold a May Day demonstration was denied the May Day Committee here by Hamilton County Commissioners. City-wide protest against the action of the officials is being organized. The Cincinnati League for Industrial Action, a group of liberal and radical organizations, has called a special meeting to take action against the commissioners.

Unity In Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 18.—The top leadership of the Workers' Committee here, a Socialist-controlled organization, has flatly declared against the United Front May Day demonstration, although rank and file delegates already had pledged participation. The demand for a United Front May Day demonstration is growing despite the attempts of the fakers to sabotage the growing unity of all workers here.

Scores of Meetings
Scheduled In
California

ANNUAL OUTDOOR AFFAIRS
TO BE LARGEST
EVER HELD

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—May Day for San Francisco workers will begin with a preliminary meeting on the Embarcadero, battleground of the historic Maritime and General Strikes of last Summer. Following the meeting, which will be held on the "Front" between Market and Mission sts., the workers will line up and march the length of Market street to a mass demonstration at Marshall Green in the Civic Center.

Speakers' workers' plays and skits and mass singing will be on the program at the demonstration, which will be held at 12 o'clock noon. In the evening a mass rally will be held at Dreamland Auditorium here in protest against the Sacramento convictions. The May Day Conference has scheduled no other meetings for the night of May 1 so that the united support of the entire working class will be thrown into the campaign to repeal the anti-working class Criminal Syndicalism law.

Plaza Meeting at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, April 19.—In spite of the attempts of police and city officials to prevent a May Day meeting here, plans are under way for the holding of a monster demonstration at 12:00 o'clock noon in The Plaza, scene of many working class demonstrations and struggles.

Police have refused to grant a permit to install loud speakers, declaring that such an action "would result in the crowd blocking traffic."

East Bay United Front.

OAKLAND, April 18.—East Bay workers will observe May 1, workers' international solidarity day, with a mighty united front, involving more organizations than ever have taken part in such a demonstration here before.

Plans are being made for a mass meeting, a parade and a banquet in the evening, with speakers and special May Day entertainment features. The conference for final arrangements will be held Sunday (Continued on Page 4, Col. 7.)

Workers' Picnic Is Major Event

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The annual Workers' Picnic which is being held this year in New Portola Park six miles west of Menlo Park, Sunday April 21, is all prepared and will be too good to miss. The committee in charge has arranged for trucks to make the round trip hourly from 37 Grove Street, San Francisco, to the picnic grounds, with round trip fares for 25c. The price of admission is 25c.

The day's program includes sport contests, dancing and a short play by the Workers' Theatre, called "The NRA Triplets," the triplets in question being the three fascists, Father Coughlin, Huey Long and General Johnson. A barbecue dinner will be the feature of the refreshments.

S. F., East Bay and Peninsula Turn Out For Workers Picnic April 21

San Diego Transient Camp Workers Win Better Meals By Group Action

Strike Forces Authorities to Supply
Better Food

By A Transient Camp Worker
WARNER HOT SPRINGS, April 18.—Rotten food, curtailment of tobacco rations and many other grievances found in Camp at Puerta La Cruz, reached a climax one morning when they served a breakfast that would not have been acceptable to a self-respecting hog.

When the workers became indignant and met in groups outside the bunkhouses to discuss the situation, one militant young worker jumped on a truck and began to talk, calling for resistance and protest against such treatment. He was ordered to stop talking by one O'Leary, camp superintendent. But the young worker told him that the men could not, and would not go to work after such a meal.

* Fight Fakers

Leading them in a body to a prize fight ring on the other side of the camp, he talked to them again, pointing out the necessity for a strike and the dangers to be avoided in falling for some of the tactics that the bosses would use to split their ranks, such as the racial question, the Red scare etc.

A strike committee of five was elected, one of them a Negro worker. They drew up their demands and presented them to the superintendent who, when he saw they meant business, dropped his attitude and promised to forward their demands to San Diego.

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* Fakers Arrive

Just before the evening meal, an SRA official named Snedecker, and a Dr. Tally arrived. Snedecker gave a flowery speech full of the usual "good fellow" class collaboration theme. He was followed by Dr. Tally, who gave a lengthy speech on the subject of calories, proteins, vitamins, etc., neglecting mention that these things although undoubtedly very good, are found only in wholesome food but not in SRA garbage.

The men placed little faith in Snedecker, Tally, O'Leary and Co., but decided to wait for the results, if any, that might come from the evasive and vague promises that had been made.

* Better Meals

Supper was somewhat more nearly edible that evening, but the workers are under no illusions concerning the gabby Mr. Snedecker. It was the threat of organized resistance against the whole program of hunger for workers and profits for bosses that caused the SRA to kick through, not any humanitarian impulse or generosity on the part of Snedecker and his co-funkies for the Roosevelt administration.

The Western Worker is read eagerly whenever it appears in the camp for it is the only paper that is devoted to the cause of the working class.

Jingoes Want New War Bases At San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 15.—War preparations in San Diego during 1935 will cost a matter of \$4,738,000, if plans for projects, which Chamber of Commerce jingoes here are agreed on are favorably passed on by Congress.

The Naval Training Station would get \$2,659,000 for improvements. A Coast Guard station to be built at Lindbergh Field would take \$280,000. Harbor dredging, which the Navy has been trying to get over since the base was started here, and which would provide a deep water channel in the bay and turning basins for the heavy battleship divisions of the fleet, would take the balance, \$1,800,000.

Those war expenditures are in units based here, such as the 11th addition to the SRA projects which almost weekly are being started for the various service Naval District; Rockwell Field; Fort Rosecranz; the Destroyer base; Marine base; Naval Training station, etc.

Nearly every week some project is begun at one or another of these military or naval units. For example last week it was announced that 16 draftsmen would be employed under SRA at the 11th Naval District, cost of which would be \$9864. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent by the SRA, PWA and CWA in the past two years on projects which were directly war preparations.

Red Squad Clubbing Student Anti-War Strikers at L. A.



Note the club in hand of one of Red Hynes thugs. A few seconds after this photo was snapped that club came down on the head of a girl student. Two girls were clubbed unconscious by police during this demonstration on the campus of Los Angeles Junior College last Friday.

Oakland Unions Endorse Mooney Protest Meeting

OAKLAND, April 19.—A "Free Tom Mooney" mass meeting on a united front basis is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, at 2 p. m. in the City Auditorium Theater. The meeting is endorsed by the local Central Labor Council, Building Workers Local 95, I. B. E. W., Anna Mooney, sister of Tom Mooney; Wm. P. Sanders of the Ornamental Iron, Bronze and Wire Workers, Local 472; Ray Walter John Sherman; Ben Leigere, San Francisco Council, Democratic Party; and Anita Whitney of the Communist Party. The Socialist Party has been invited to send a speaker.

A feature of the program will be a motion picture, "The Strange Case of Tom Mooney," with film projectors and projectionists donated by local 169, I. A. T. S. E. and M. P. M. O.

\$200,000,000 TO FIGHT RED ARMY

SHANGHAI, April 15.—The 200 million silver dollars provided by this year's war budget of the Nanking government are not enough for the new campaign against the Chinese Red Army, Chiang Kai-Shek, butcher for the imperialist interests has announced. The recent great advances of the Chinese Red Army into Kweichow and Shensi provinces has caused the Nationalist administration to appeal to all the great powers for funds to continue the war against Soviet China.

Prices Up, Profits Up, Wages Down, Total of Two Years of New Deal

Average Earnings of Relief Workers Cut
One-Third In Last Year

The National City Bank of New York reports that 840 companies showed an increase in profits of 43 per cent in 1934 over the "revival" year 1933. The increase was from \$171,000,000 to \$573,000,000 in 1934.

"Report of the Operation of the National Industrial Recovery Act," a 68-page report issued by the NRA Research and Planning Division, declares on page 24:

"Note that although payrolls in December, 1934, were only about 60 per cent of the total in 1926, dividends and interest were 150 per cent of their total in 1926. In short, the income enjoyed by those who received dividends and interest was 50 per cent higher than in 1926, even though the national income has declined nearly 40 per cent since that date and volume of production has declined by one-third. . . . Clearly the recipients of profits have not failed to enjoy their proportionate share of the increase in industrial recovery."

* More Profits.

Interest payments in the United States in 1934, according to an estimate of Journal of Commerce and accepted by the government as the most inclusive estimate, amounted to about \$4,567,959,000 in 1934, slightly lower than in 1933 but higher than in 1932 or any previous year. In the peak year of the boom, 1929, payments were nearly \$500,000,000 less than in the crisis year 1934.

Latest monthly dividend compilation of the New York Times covers February, 1935. It shows that the dividends declared that month by 629 corporations totalled

\$214,947,240. In addition to the regular dividends, 41 extra dividends were voted in February as compared with 34 in February last year.

Capitalism thus shows its evolution during a crisis. The income of the capitalists increases (to 150 per cent); the income of the workers falls (to 60 per cent). The result is that 20,500,000 are on relief (according to a statement of Relief Administrator Hopkins on March 7).

The New Deal.

The contribution of Roosevelt's New Deal to this situation is to cooperate with capital in an attack on the wage scale. On the political front this manifested itself in the bitter attack on the McCarren amendment to the relief bond issue. This amendment, which guaranteed that workers on relief projects would get union scale wages, would have crippled the wage cutting program considerably. No wonder Roosevelt fought it so bitterly.

But amidst all the smoke and fire the real cut in the relief wage scale has taken place quietly, over a long period of time, and without labor in general knowing what was going on. The following figures reveal what has been happening. A year ago, on April 12, 752,620 persons were on relief, earning an average of \$12.27 a week. By January 21, 1935, the number working increased to 1,675,437, earning an average of \$8.83 a week. The increase in number working, and the decrease in earnings took place steadily through this period. Later figures would no doubt show a still further decrease in wages.

* Higher Prices.

The triumph of the capitalists consists not merely in cutting the money earnings of those on work relief. Equally important is the Roosevelt inflation program. By devaluing gold, restricting crops, increasing the debt, subsidizing industries and banks, buying silver, passing codes to artificially raise and control prices, everything possible has been done to increase the cost of living.

The success of the inflation program consists in raising the level of retail prices in two years from March, 1933, to Feb. 26, 1935, by 35 per cent. Naturally this hits the lowest paid wage earners hardest. The luxury articles the wealthy can afford have increased by the smallest amount.

Such is the balance sheet of capitalism. A higher income for the bosses, lower wages for the worker. A government successfully cutting wages and increasing prices.

Unem., Insurance Bill Is Killed By House of Rep.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The House of Representatives by a vote of 204 to 52 has defeated the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827, also known as the Lunden Bill. The bill which would have paid each unemployed at least \$10 a week relief, with provisions to pay an additional \$3 per week for each dependent, was defeated after a debate in which Dickstein of New York led in a "red scare" attack on it.

Instead of meeting the issue of real unemployment insurance versus the fake Wagner-Lewis-Doughton bill Dickstein shouted, "This (H. R. 2827) is just a Communist bill. . . . The Communists got hold of you fellows and sold you a bill of goods." Dickstein, protégé of William Randolph Hearst, is coauthor of the McCormack-Dickstein program to outlaw the Communist Party, and is the one who suppressed all evidence of fascist activity in this country during the house committee's investigation of subversive propaganda and activities.

Matthew Dunn (Dem., Pa.), replied that "We are simply trying to take care of the aged and unemployed. Whenever we propose anything that is humanitarian, it is immediately called Communist."

It is expected that the defeat of the Workers' Unemployment Insurance bill will hasten passage of the Wagner-Lewis-Doughton bill, which the Roosevelt administration is attempting to foist on the workers in its stead. This fake bill has as one proviso that no unemployed may receive any of its "benefits" unless they have worked at least 26 weeks prior to the time they ask for relief. This automatically eliminates the millions who have not worked in the past three, four or five years and leaves them on the starvation relief rolls of the counties, states and SRA administration.

Pittsburg Workers Refuse to Vote at Company Elections

EAST BAY STEEL PLANT
TRIES TO FORCE MEN
INTO FAKE UNION

By A Worker Correspondent.

PITTSBURGH, Cal. April 18.—The company union at the Columbia Steel Plant, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Company, at Pittsburg, held a primary election April 9.

The company union election was not as successful as the company and the union representatives had expected it would be. The group that organized in the Amalgamated Iron, Steel and Tin Workers Union distributed leaflets exposing the company union for what it is, nothing but company controlled affairs, organized for the benefit of the company and to protect the interest of the company.

* Divide the Workers

The company union was organized to keep the workers divided so they will not organize into a genuine union such as the Amalgamated, which could not be controlled by the employers. The company takes advantage of the situation to force the workers to work long hours at low pay and under conditions of terrific speed-up.

The workers, especially those of piece work or tonnage speed themselves up terribly in order to make a few dollars. Most department workers only three or four days a week, and some weeks not at all. As a result of the increased cost of living and lower wages, the majority of the workers are not living any more—they are just existing.

* Mass Meeting

The lodge of the Amalgamated also held an open meeting April 6 at the City Hall Auditorium. Three rank and file speakers—two from the Oil Workers Union at Martinez, and one from the Machinists' Local at Oakland, spoke, as well as the president from the Steel Workers' Local. They exposed the role of the company union and showed that its so-called "representatives" are not representatives, but misrepresentatives.

There were not many workers at the meeting, as was expected. The majority are afraid to come out to meetings as at all labor meetings there are always two or three company stool pigeons to see who is there. I will give some figures on the company union elections.

* Few Votes

Out of more than 2000 workers from the whole plant, about 50 per cent voted. Many who voted didn't know what they were voting for but voted for fear of losing their jobs if they didn't. In one Mill Department the higher ups, seeing that the workers would not vote sent the foreman around and told the head of the crew to quit working for a few minutes to give the workers a chance to vote.

But that didn't work either. The workers gathered together and began to laugh and talk and no one voted.

"MAKE A FINANCIAL REPORT ON YOUR BARE CUPBOARD"

By An SRA Worker

Dan had returned from the U. C. camp a couple of weeks ago to find his grandmother badly in need of food and other necessities of life. She kept a dozen chickens which produced three or four eggs a day. Dan wanted work, to do something to provide for his grandmother and himself. So after a week of fruitless searching he found the cupboard more than bare.

Finally his aunt advised him to make an application to the SRA. She took him to San Leandro to a friend who would show him where to go and how to make the application for work relief. The friend, however, no longer lived in San Leandro so the neighbors told them to go to Oakland where a member of the Public Works and Unemployed Union lived, who would help Dan to make the application.

Dan is self-conscious and rather timid. He and his aunt came to see me and told me their troubles. I offered to go with him the next day and help him.

So the next day found Dan and I at the SRA "Palace of Waiting," on the third floor.

Dan was called. Mrs. Manning was the investigator. She wanted to know who I was and what I wanted. I explained who I was and that I was there to help Dan out whenever it was necessary, so that time was served, both for him and the social worker. I pointed out that some sort of an emergency grocery order was needed and that I was not there to make any complaint. Manning replied: "He looks intelligent enough. I think I can handle his affairs. You just wait outside."

I went out. Soon Dan came out. He looked as if he wasn't sure whether he wanted to laugh or cry. I asked him if he got a work order.

"No," he said, "she told me to come back with a 'financial report' tomorrow."

Here was a boy, badly in need of food, willing to work and he was informed by the representative of the Roosevelt Relief Administration that before he can get a must bring in a "financial report."

When I asked investigator Manning how he was to live and manage to get, carfare to Oakland, she answered:

"Oh, he can eat some of the chickens," and, "Oh, he can pick up a dime for carfare."

These are the conditions which lead to revolution and not, as many suppose, by a bunch of "foreign agitators."

Relief Workers Die Of Pneumonia Caught On San Diego Project

By an SRA Worker.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 18.—I work on an SRA project at the North Island Naval Air Station, putting in a storm drain for the airfield. It was to be twelve feet deep and the ground was of soft sand. At six feet the boss should have cribbed the ditch according to law on government property, but he didn't want to put any carpenters to work. At seven feet cave-ins began which seriously endangered lives.

It was all cribbed and when we dug a foot beneath the timbers, the sand would cave in all over again because it had not been constructed in time, and every foot or two a new cribbing had to be constructed. The cribbing itself began to weaken when we reached the ten foot level, and while we were at lunch, twenty feet of cribbing caved in, so that had anyone been in it, there would have been serious injuries.

The spreaders that kept the timber on both sides of the ditch were not strong enough to stand on and there were three or four injuries every day where elderly workers were unable to climb out of the hole without hanging on to the spreaders, which broke and tossed them to the bottom. Many injuries were caused by men in their sixties, unable to jump the ditch, stepping onto a safe-looking spreader which had one nail in it for economy, and falling all the twelve feet to the bottom, striking pipes and other spreaders on the way down.

Finally it occurred to the boss to warn all the men working for him not to step on the spreaders, which nearly stopped accidents, except those where an elderly man was unable to get out of the ditch without hanging onto one now and then.

A wind blow in from the island from the ocean that was as chilly as ice, and working in the comparatively warm ditch raised a sweat on a man. Friday, March 29, a Mexican laborer of about forty-five, a bricklayer, came out of the hole and going to the boat in the truck and the ride across the bay brought about a cold which ended on Sunday in his death of double pneumonia.

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Long Beach Jobless Council Maps Fight On Fascist Groups

LONG BEACH, April 18.—After three weeks of "investigation" and "study," the Long Beach of Education officials has banned the Liberal current events paper, "Scholastic," as unfit for use of the local high school pupils.

This typically fascist move to suppress intelligent thought on the part of the youth of this reactionary "navy town" was inspired by the local Ku Klux Klan.

A mass meeting was called by the Long Beach Unemployed Council and vicious resolutions were passed condemning this incipient fascism and demanding that the School Board members rescind their suppressive action. Plans were laid to carry the fight into the Parent-Teacher Association groups and other local organizations.

Three candidates for the Board of Education at elections soon to be held, appeared at the meeting and pledged their support to restore the "Scholastic" to use in the schools. The fight will be continued at future meetings of the Unemployed Council which meets in the hall at Ninth Street and Lime Avenue on Saturday nights.

Mass Picketing Wins Strike For Culinary Workers' Union

By A Culinary Worker

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—Mass picketing again proved its effectiveness, when the employees of Sherley's Cabaret went on strike in Beverly Hills.

When the workers in Sherley's had discussed their grievances with the Culinary Workers Union, a decision was made that something in the way of militant organizational activity was necessary to correct the deplorable conditions forced on them.

A committee of four was sent in to see the boss, who refused to talk to them and abusively termed them Communists and Anarchists. The committee reported this to a crowd of seventy-five supporters who had been mobilized in a nearby lot and mass picketing of the cafe started immediately.

A line of workers encircled the cafe chanting "This place is unfair to union labor." This embarrassed the boss and customers who have been used to driving up in their cars and setting down to swell meals, cover charge, etc., served to them by waiters who were getting in the way of wages, nothing but tips. Busboys and dishwashers had been working for 28c an hour.

Eleven of the sixteen waiters joined the picket line and in fifteen minutes the boss declared

SERA Neglect Causes Death of Mexican Woman Worker

By an SRA Worker.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—What the SRA really means to the workers has again shown itself in the blackest form on the project at Central and Fifteenth streets.

Never have I worked in such a cold place as this. Repeatedly we've complained and asked for heat but no results. They did trouble themselves each morning to touch the cold radiators to discover that they were ice cold, pretending "interest" in our misery.

This neglect is responsible for the death of a Mexican woman worker. Repeatedly she complained about a bad cold but when she finally collapsed the General Hospital refused admittance until 8 p. m. despite the fact she was in a very critical condition. But at 6 p. m. she died. Again the Roosevelt regime has shown its utter disregard for the welfare of the workers.

Hoping that, with your help and militant advice, we soon will be able to shove through mass pressure and show our might as the united working class, I am expecting to see action very soon.

CONTRA COSTA "LAW AND ORDER" GROUPS STAGE DEGENERATE ORGY

Vigilantes Slug Deputy Sheriffs With
Beer Bottles As "Party" Is Smashed

By a Contra Costa Oil Worker.

RICHMOND, Calif., April 19.—Last Friday, at La Honda Bowl near Richmond, a sadist celebration was held with an attendance of about 500 persons, 200 of whom were drunk. A high percentage of these were vigilantes calling themselves "the leaders of good government and of law and order."

The feature of the "show" was the showing of a lewd motion picture and the dancing of four girls in the nude. The final scene was being staged by a male degenerate and one of the girls when the thing became so revolting that deputy sheriffs were forced to attempt to take the girls away.

* Angry Mob.

So enraged were the vigilantes

and upholders of law and order that they attacked the deputy sheriffs with bottles and stones, injuring several. After the girls had been taken away, the mob left growling its disapproval of the deputies. The entire exhibition of sadism was not advertised, naturally, but was whispered about in Richmond by the vigilantes and in the pool rooms.

At El Cerrito indignant citizens are demanding a Grand Jury investigation of the American Legion and its conduct of the recent carnival there. For four days every law of decency was broken by the supporters of "law and order." Bars ran without license, young girls and boys were intoxicated and prostitution and gambling ran riot. All of this was done in the name of fascist organization, the American Legion, so-called "representatives of good government."

* Fascism.

Evidently fascism is being put into practice in Contra Costa County, even on a level with the sadist and moral degenerate decline of Nazi Germany. The Standard Oil controlled town of Richmond is the leading example of the degradation of the fascists in this country. During the boss-ster following the General Strike last year workers' homes were wrecked, workers were beaten, free speech and assembly were abolished and workers thrown in jail by Standard Oil's hired vigilantes and the "righteous" Legionnaires.

* Strike Breakers.

Now the vigilantes are becoming bolder as the workers are forming powerful unions. The "law and order" fakers are asking the Board of Supervisors to buy more machine guns, gas bombs, small arms and ammunition to equip a squad of 100 men. The openly stated purpose behind the vigilante move is to terrorize the workers during so-called "labor disturbances."

This terror is to be carried on with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, which is also Standard Oil controlled through the notorious Jim Long, a well-known enemy of union labor and a vicious "Red-baiter." Sheriff Joe Miller has asked the San Francisco Police Department to loan him a man to instruct the vigilantes in the methods of terror and strike-breaking, used in San Francisco during the General Strike.

Workers Rally to Prevent Eviction; Bank Backs Down

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—It was up to the workers whether Stanley Jacyna and his wife and three children would be thrown into the street by the sheriff and his deputies. The workers' answer to this question was to rally under the leadership of the Public Works and Unemployed League and successfully defeat this eviction, for a period of thirty days.

The city council of the PWLU issued a leaflet and with local 8 of the PWLU located at 10009 and Broadway, mobilized the neighborhood. About thirty were present and many more would have come had the sheriff proceeded with the eviction as was planned. While those present prevented an immediate eviction a committee of three was sent to the Bank and the Bank agreed to extend the time thirty days.

Mr. Jacyna has been trying to get help from the Home Loan, has even written a letter to the President himself, but so far has been turned down by a generous government that hands out millions to the insurance companies, banks and railroads, but has no money to aid a worker in keeping a roof over his head.

Supervisor Ford said last week when he was trying to soft soap a delegation of workers that he understood the radicals wished to destroy the American home. Needless to say, Ford was not present to prevent the destruction of a workers' home by the Security First National Bank.

Tiajuana Consumers Strike Successful

By a Tiajuana Consumer.

TIAJUANA, Mex., April 12.—For the first time in nearly two months all the electric lights here were turned on in full, as a celebration of the victory of the consumers' strike against the Frontier Light & Power company.

Because of the militancy of this consumers' strike, which lasted close to two months, with small business as well as most all workers' homes taking part in the boycotting of the company's electric services, the company was forced to reduce rates.

East of the Rockies

Negroes Die In Washington Fire-trap

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Seven Negroes, two adults and five children, seven and eight years old, were burned or suffocated to death in a tenement fire here last week. The disaster clearly exposed the miserable conditions of special exploitation in which Negroes are forced to live in the nation's capital. These conditions are being investigated by Negro and white workers, but apparently not by Government authorities. Seven of the eight persons were crowded into two miserable rooms. The victims of the fire belonged to three families. There was no fireescape from the three-story brick building.

St. Louis Gas Strikers Face Terror

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 18.—Boss reaction in the united efforts of the Laclede Gas Company, a Morgan concern, the city administration, the police department and the fascist scum of the Ahner's Detective Agency is directed toward smashing the militant strike of the gas company workers. So far there have been seven arrests on all sorts of fake "charges" ranging from "peace disturbance" to "assault and battery." A subtle, sneaking provocation against the strikers and the Negro people was staged last week when the local press spewed forth columns of lies purporting to be an "exposure" of a dynamite plot. The police had reported they had discovered an intruder who "looked" like a Negro making his way toward a gas main near the coke plant.

N. Y. Cossacks Attack N. B. C. Strikers

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 18.—Surrounded by a cordon of uniformed police, 1000 National Business Company strikers picketed the plant here last week despite a drizzling rain which soaked them to the skin. They were prevented from reaching the entrance to the plant while police escorted herds of seals from the plant to a subway station a few blocks away. No arrests were made, although the cossacks a few days before had brutally beaten several pickets while at least 1500 were parading around the plant. A temporary injunction has been granted the company which may bar picketing in a four-block radius of the plant. This would place the offices of the strikers within the administration-established "no-man's land."

9400 More Penn. Miners Strike

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 18.—A total of 9400 more miners came out on strike in Anthracite and martial law loomed as a possibility in Luzerne County, center of the Glen Alden coal strike when it became known that State troopers may be withdrawn. The sheriff, upon hearing of the possible withdrawal of the troops declared he would call upon the governor to establish martial law in the county. Meanwhile, 2400 miners of the Susquehanna Coal Company collieries came out on strike demanding settlement of long-standing grievances.

Grand Rapids Plans United May Day Meet

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 18.—A United Front May Day Committee, including representatives from the Socialist Party, the Communist Party, the Unemployed Workers' Union, and the Workers' Association has been set up here. The Communist Party had been pressing for such a committee and has consistently pointed out the immediate need for united front action against growing reaction within the ranks of the employing classes. The committee plans an indoor meeting at the Labor Temple with a leading union official as chairman. Sixteen local unions here already had come on record supporting the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827.

30,000 In Paris Hit Fascism, War

PARIS, France, April 18.—More than 30,000 workers demonstrated behind the two leading slogans, "Against Fascist Repression" and "For the Liberation of Thachmann and all other imprisoned anti-fascists" at a monster united front mass meeting here April 14.

Organized by the Thachmann Committee of France, the meeting was supported by the International United Action Against Fascism, the mighty united front of the Communist and Socialist Parties of France, the League for the Rights of Man, the League Against Anti-Semitism, the Catholic Peace League, the International Red Aid and numerous famous writers, artists and scientists. The noted writer Andre Malraux presided.

A mass meeting of 20,000 workers was organized by the Communist Party here the day before in a suburb of Paris, to plan continuing the struggle against fascism and war. Attempts by the police to intimidate the demonstrators met with immediate and effective resistance.

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The Truth About Gallup

Eye-witness Tells Of Frame-up

By Carl Howe

SANTA FE, New Mexico, Ap. 15. The conditions of the workers in Gallup and the situation that led up to the shooting on April 4th, has a long story behind it of disillusionment, misery and exploitation, which equals the present day conditions in the black belt in the South.

Several years ago the Gallup American Coal Company, acquired all the land in McKinley that they could lay their hands on in order to exploit the rich coal fields.

Workers were brought in from old Mexico to work in the mines. Some were brought in for the express purpose of breaking strikes.

The company talked some of them into leasing ground in what later became known as Chinlanita and led them to believe they were buying this land. They built homes, some costing many times the value of the land.

As long as they were working for the company the rent and payment for land was checked from their miserable pay envelopes and the company made a fortune from this racket.

* Resist Evictions

When the Gallup strike took place in 1933, all of these former slaves of the Gamero came out on strike. When the strike was over their places were taken by scabs and gunmen and they were blacklisted. The Gallup American Coal Company had no more use for them. This was the beginning of a long struggle on the part of these workers against hunger and eviction from their homes.

The Gallup American Coal Company could no longer check off the rent so they turned the property over to State Senator Vogel who immediately began to bound these workers and their families with eviction orders and demands for payment of the rent.

This involved about 130 families who began to organize with the support of the Unemployed Local of the National Miners Union and other organizations to resist any and all evictions.

* Sen. Vogel

Senator Vogel is a typical small-time racketeer politician. He has been convicted while a State Senator of shielding the gambling and vice-racket of Gallup, has for several months unsuccessfully tried to dump all of those unemployed families out on the streets without any consideration. But each time the workers mobilized and prevented the evictions.

When a case came up in court they always decided in favor of the Senator and some cases were appealed to the district court. An anti-eviction bill introduced into the State Legislature was killed through the influence of the Senator. All of these efforts to maintain their homes failed and the workers realized that the only means to prevent being thrown out of their homes was by militant organization. They organized solidly into the Small Home Owners Association and were affiliated with the state unemployed council.

On Monday, April 1st, one of the families was evicted. That evening the workers mobilized

and put the furniture back into the house but there was no police interference. Senator Vogel was on the job taking down names of those present, including Comrade Exiquio Navarro, a member of the UMWA and a militant fighter during and since the strike in 1933. Senator Vogel filed complaints against Navarro and the husband and wife that were evicted and they were arrested and charged with breaking the lock and moving the furniture back into the house. The hearing was set for April 19th, 10 a. m.

Three hundred workers mobilized to attend the hearing for Navarro and they were refused admission into the court room despite the fact that it was supposed to be public. Navarro asked for a postponement until he could get an "ILD" lawyer which was granted by Justice of the Peace Win. Beckell. The sheriff with his gunmen started to take Navarro out the back way and witnesses who are now in the death house of the State Prison state that the sheriff and his men started to beat Navarro out. The workers rushed to the rear to defend him and then the shooting started which ended in the death of one worker, the sheriff and the wounding of five others.

Within two hours more than two hundred deputized gun thugs

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World Events and Western Workers Hitler Prepares Germany For Imperialist War

German Worker Exposes Steps In Nazi Game of Re-armament Behind Loud Protestations of "We Want Peace"—Increasing Unrest Within Germany Forces Hitler to Choice of Imperialist War or Revolution

The following analysis is reprinted from an article from Nazi Germany, giving a clear background to the events which have been occurring in Europe since January 16th and are now reaching a sharp point in the halls of the League of Nations at Geneva, where France has introduced a sharp rebuke to Germany and Hitler has replied with a sharp refusal to apply for reentry to the League.

On March 16 the Hitler government issued a decree stating that from now on "service in the armed forces is on the basis of general compulsory military service."

The announcement had the effect of a bomb-shell in Germany and abroad, although from the very first day of its accession to power, the Hitler regime had assumedly pursued the policy of rearming Germany.

Owing to the provisions of the Versailles Treaty, prescribing that the German Army was to consist of 100,000 long-service professional soldiers and prohibiting tanks and military aircraft, armaments had been up to the present more or less disguised, both their quantity had been constantly on the increase for some time.

Tanks, heavy guns, aircraft and weapons for chemical and bacteriological warfare were produced unceasingly and secretly. The training of soldiers for land, naval and aerial warfare was carried on an ever increasing scale. In the Reichswehr, even under normal circumstances, 10,000 men of the senior year were replaced every year by recruits. This alone amounts to an addition of 150,000 soldiers in fifteen years. The police trained for war. The Storm Troops, the Steel Helmets and the young men in the Labor Service and in the Hitler youth were being trained and drilled, and these organizations must be regarded as paramilitary formations. To these must be added the many hundreds of thousands of privates, non-commissioned officers and officers in the old army who served in the great war, are organized in the Kyffhauser Union and have been secretly training all this time.

* Hitler's Game

What real forces can Hitler count upon in taking these provocative steps?

The Hitler government believes that the concentration of the state machinery—brought about by the reform of the constitution and the curtailment of the rights hitherto exercised by the States forming the German Reich—the monopoly of the National Socialist Party as the only legal party in Germany, the effects of social demagoguery and nationalist incitement and the policy of rearmament have strengthened the regime both at home and abroad.

It relies also on its gain in prestige through the result of the Saar plebiscite; it hopes to be able to exploit the differences between the capitalist powers and the Soviet Union, as well as between Britain, France, Italy, etc., and speculates on the chance that Britain and Italy will permit a certain measure of legal German rearmament. Britain would do so because this would promote the "balance of power" in Europe in which she aspires to act the part of arbiter. Italy would do so because a Germany of a certain strength would enable her to play off Germany (and France) for the Little Entente against each other.

But this whole speculation of

the Hitler government has many gaps in it, and big ones at that. The position of the government in the country has not grown stronger in spite of all chauvinist incitement and social demagoguery. Economic conditions are deteriorating, the mass basis of fascism is contracting and, side by side with it all, the conflicts between the various sections of the bourgeoisie are growing in intensity. In international politics, it is in the first place the vast power of the Soviet Union and her untiring work for peace which has weakened the position of the Hitler government. The imperialist opponents of imperialism Germany have answered German rearmament by increased armaments of their own. The statements made by Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia on the question of the Eastern Pact, the mutual rapprochement between Italy and Yugoslavia and certain hesitation on the part of Poland with regard to German rearmaments, show that Hitler Germany is in a position of considerable isolation. Summing up the situation one can say that the series of provocative steps taken by the Hitler government — of which the reintroduction of conscription is the latest, but by no means the last—has no adequate basis in real strength, but is merely striking evidence of the adventurism in foreign politics which is characteristic of the desperation of the Hitler regime.

This criminal irresponsibility is a result, as a whole, not of the strength, but of the weakness of the Hitler government. It is a result of the growing difficulties of the capitalist dictatorship exercised by Hitler.

During the Winter, the number of employed decreased by 1.2 millions, according official figures. The statement that the number of unemployed decreased by 200,000 in February (i. e. the beginning of the industrial "season") is greatly exaggerated, and if it were true would be of little consequence. The economic situation continues to be very gloomy, the interior revival is subsiding, even though the further increase in armament orders and the Spring seasonal revival may temporarily hold up or slow down the falling off of business. Foreign trade is rapidly

shrinking and has a most disastrous effect on the supply of foreign currencies and raw materials. The Leipzig Fair, one of the most important standards for judging economic conditions, was a complete failure. In February the number of bankruptcies per working day increased from 10 to 10.2, and the number of cases in which potential bankrupts compounded with their creditors increased from 11.1 to 12.8.

Internal Unrest

The dissatisfaction of the masses is growing as their conditions deteriorate. Opposition and resistance are on the increase in the shops and factories, and the great number of prosecutions against "gossamers and spreaders of rumors" bear witness to the indignation now even spreading among the working middle class. On this basis, and as a reaction against religious persecution, the church dispute is growing more and more acute. During the month of February, and in March, Protestant workers in Frankfurt demonstrated openly in the streets against religious coercion. The dispute between the church authorities and the Hitler government has accordingly increased in sharpness. The Hitler dictatorship is now seeking a way out of all these difficulties by imperialist sallies and increased war preparation.

* Patriotic Orgies

Militarist propaganda and the moral mobilization of the population are carried on with feverish intensity. In the first half of March the police and the Nazi leadership in Berlin proceeded to revise and check up the registration sheets of the population. The object of this measure was to get a census of all inhabitants for conscription and incidentally to comb out Berlin to find any anti-fascist living unregistered in that city.

The day after the announcement of general conscription a militarist stunt of unprecedented dimensions was got up in Berlin and the whole Reich on the pretext of a "Heroes' Commemoration Day." A ceremony was held in the State Opera House in Berlin, with the participation of Hitler, Blomberg, the

Reichs Minister for War, the Kaiser's generals who had commanded the army in the great war, the generals in the Reichswehr, the leaders of the highest rank in the Storm Troops and Schutz Staffeln, and Labor Service, etc., and while Blomberg in the Opera House made a nationalist speech, interlarded with the usual protestations of peaceable intentions, the Reichswehr lined up for a great military parade in the Lustgarten, where Hitler, flanked by von Blomberg on his left, and old Mackensen, Field Marshal of the old army, on his right, and Goering, General of Flying, behind him, inspected the troops.

On March 9 a "Black-out" was held in all Berlin, and on March 20 a general air-raid rehearsal took place in Berlin-Kreuzberg, the district around the airdrome, under conditions "faithfully copying real air-raid conditions" and with the compulsory participation of the population.

The Nazi press is full of militarist and chauvinist articles of every description, the main object being to whip up feeling against the Soviet Union. The model used for this is Hitler's manifesto on the introduction of conscription, in which the attempt is made with shamed demagoguery to win the workers for German Imperialism on the pretext of fighting against the Versailles treaty, and in which the Soviet Union is expressly mentioned in an infamous manner calculated to arouse anti-Soviet feeling.

Thus Hitler and his accomplices attempt to keep the workers from fighting against fascism and exploitation, hoping to help on the attack of the employers and carry out the elections to the "confidential councils" with the assistance of nationalist incitement and anti-Soviet propaganda and thus to harness the masses to the war chariot of German monopolist capitalism.

The promulgation of the decree on conscription, the increased armaments and chauvinist incitement bring an extraordinary sharpening of international antagonisms, an alarming aggravation of the war danger, which today is an imminent menace threatening the Soviet Union. Whatever the next days, weeks or months may

Foreign News Briefs

Nazis Jail French Mine Leader

PARIS, France, April 18.—M. Thiebault, secretary of the French Unitary Miners' Federation was arrested last week at Essen, Germany, the moment he arrived at the railroad station. So afraid are the Nazi terrorists that outside influence might set spark to the working class revolt that is seething within the boundaries of Nazi Germany, that they dared not allow Thiebault, a delegate sent to aid in the defense of 120 anti-fascist Ruhr miners now in the hands of Hitler police, a chance to act. Thiebault possessed evidence of the rotten frame-up of the miners by Nazi authorities who are desperately attempting to stem the tide of revolt shortly to be expressed in the council elections.

Soviet Food Industry Tops Quota

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 18.—The food industry of the Soviet Union began the current year with a huge success. Fulfilling its plan for the first quarter of 1935 by 103.7 per cent, the industry produced merchandise to the value of 1,076,000,000 rubles, which is a growth of 16.1 per cent compared with the first quarter of 1934. Some branches of the industry showed particularly heavy gains as in the fishing industry where products amounting to 53.7 per cent more than the first quarter last year were given. Along with the general growth in production, the high quality of food products has been considerably increased and their assortment extended.

Spanish Fascists Ban Workers' Paper

MADRID, Spain, April 18.—Using as a pretext, an article on prostitution in Spain, published last February, the fascist regime of Spain has banned El Pueblo, militant proletarian newspaper published here under the rigid censorship that followed the suspension of Mundo Obrero, organ of the Communist Party of Spain. Cafe critics suggest that prostitution has been a sore subject to the "boss" of Spain, Gil Robles, ever since El Socialista printed an account of his prehoneymoon visit to a Bayonne bawdy-house. Other critics are amazed at the hypocrisy of the Lerroux-Gil Robles government in using this flimsy pretext when more and viler pornographic literature is on display and sale in Spain than in any other European country.

Finnish Fighter Faces Frame-up

HELSINGFORS, Finland, April 18.—The Finnish fascists are determined at all cost to murder the organizer of the anti-fascist movement in Finland, Toivo Antikainen. His trial on fake charges of "high treason" was recently finished in Abo. This trial however, did not provide sufficient formal grounds even for a fascist court for pronouncing the death sentence. A new trial now is being cooked up on the charge of "murder" of the Finnish White Guard, Marienemi, who is alleged to have been captured in 1922 by a Red detachment under the leadership of Antokainen. The "charge" already has been refuted by scores of members of the detachment in question but this means nothing to the fascist blood-hounds who are determined to murder the anti-fascist fighter.

Wall Street Tools Kill Innocent Cuban

HAVANA, Cuba, April 18.—The brutal, merciless reaction of the Mendieta-Wall Street dictatorship murdered an innocent man by the firing squad here last week. Military authorities, taking their orders direct from the American ambassador, Caffery, had deliberately arrested, tried and executed Jaime Creinstein under the name and identity of Jose Garcia Angulo y Terry, known by the government to have really been responsible for terrorist activities.

Alex Noral, Calif. Jobless Organizer Touring State

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Alex Noral, organizer of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations, is at present on tour of California cities, speaking in support of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827, now in Congress and Assembly Bill 791 which is being fought for in Sacramento. As a result of the meetings many local unions of the unemployed are expected to be formed in new territories.

Alex Noral will speak according to the now revised schedule as follows:

Los Angeles, April 19-24.
Ventura, Thursday, April 25.
Santa Barbara, Friday, April 26 to 30, including Paso Robles, San Louis Obispo and Santa Maria.
Bakersfield, Wed., May 1.
Visalia, Thurs., May 2.
Porterville, Fri., May 3.
Fresno, Sat., May 4 and 5.
Merced, Mon., May 6.
Stockton, Tues., May 7.
Sacramento, Wed., May 8.
Berkeley, Fri., May 10.
Oakland, Sat., May 11.
East Oakland, Sun., May 12.
Immediate preparations should be begun in all these places.

Union. The C. P. of Germany organizes the reply of the working class to the latest war provocation of Hitler by demonstrations and actions of protest, especially in the factories and in the working class areas, with the support of the women of the working class. The Party works with greater resolution and energy than ever at the formation of a united trade union front of action for the demands of the workers and against the war preparations, and makes every effort to win the youth of Germany for the struggle against militarism and war-mongering before and during the military service now being introduced. The C. P. of Germany is applying all its resources to increase the struggle of the masses against the Hitler dictatorship with its policy of war. The aim of the Party is the overthrow of this dictatorship, the triumph of proletarian revolution, the establishment of a Soviet Germany ruled by workers and peasants, which alone can break the yoke of the German exploiters and the chains of Versailles and bring freedom, Socialism and a better life for all.

Sacramento Bosses Afraid of Leaflet -Exposing Frame-up-

SACRAMENTO, April 18.—James Dean, fascist boss who wields the big stick under the title of "City Manager" here has refused the International Labor Defense a permit to distribute a leaflet explaining the rottenness of the frameup under which eight workers were convicted of Criminal Syndicalism.

Dean, who in his spare time helped the vigilantes organize terror gangs for the openly stated purpose of beating and murdering militant workers, "objected" to a sentence in the leaflet which said: "The convictions were based on the lying testimony of spies and stool pigeons introduced by the prosecution, for which over \$9000 of the taxpayers' money was appropriated. (Nearly \$30,000 in all was spent to obtain the verdict.) He also objected to the sentence calling upon workers to "Protest the framed verdict!"

Dean told Luther Mincy, one of the freed defendants in the infamous trial, that "for one reason or another, certain statements in the leaflet should not be given publicity." Mincy had applied for the permit to distribute the leaflet.

Sacramento workers are planning a monster May Day Rally to be held at the Plaza Theatre, at 7:30 p. m., May 1. Unopposed by the vicious fascism which has attempted to terrorize the entire city ever since the General Strike and the vigilante raids last Summer, Sacramento workers are going ahead, laying plans for future militant struggles against the employer class responsible for the frameup.

MARINE FED.

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a real Federation, purged of reactionary influence. More was defeated at every turn.

Attempts of the reactionaries to have all organizations represented vote equally at the Federation also was defeated. The officials of several marine craft are reportedly afraid of the militant tendencies of the 4000 organized maritime workers.

Bridges represents the San Francisco Locals of the Longshoremen, the Seafarers, Barbecens and Clerks, all affiliated with the I. L. A.

Strikers Demand Showdown.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Tanker strikers here are demanding a showdown from the oil tanker operators on the question of preferential hiring of union men. They have asked the special Perkins Mediation Board to determine the stand of the companies.

While tanker owners continued to move scab-manned ships, they reiterated their original statement, denying the question of preferential hiring is the central issue in the strike.

The San Francisco Local of the Seafarers Union of the Pacific, meeting here last Monday night voted to concur in the move of San Pedro seamen, demanding that Paul Scharenberg, resign from the I. S. U. and be prevented from ever again holding office in that organization.

The scab-out tactics of war-monger Scharenberg, and his reactionary clique of top officials in several I. S. U. crafts, more than any other single factor, have prevented seamen and other maritime crafts from uniting in solid action against the tanker employers.

Vigilantes Train To Break Strikes In Contra Costa

By a Worker Correspondent.

PITTSBURG, Calif., April 22.—The vigilantes in Contra Costa County are preparing for action. A new National Guard unit is in forming around Martinez. Also, some new deputies will be sworn in and will practice once a week with pistol and rifle to be ready for action in case of trouble.

I don't know what kind of trouble they are expecting. The only "trouble" that I can think of is the workers, in desperation, will strike for higher wages in order to meet the higher cost of living. Or maybe they are afraid the strike in Los Angeles against the high price of meat will spread to the whole state.

The Antioch City Council has prepared for that danger. It has passed an ordinance against leaflets of all kinds and also against picketing factory or store. The people will have no right to walk in front of a store and ask other people not to buy there. The penalty for breaking the law is a \$300 fine, one year imprisonment, or both. If that isn't a fascist law, I don't know what it is.

But if it comes to a show down we people in Antioch will do the same as they did in Berkeley with the anti-war leaflets. We will force the City Council to repeal the ordinance.

People of Antioch! Watch the City Council; they are doing the bidding of the bosses, the rich farmers and manufacturers of Contra Costa County, and not that of the majority of us—who put them in office!

GALLUP

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ber an important point because he had been "so excited" at the shooting. On the other occasion he remembered everything he wanted to remember and finally declared he really hadn't been excited until all the excitement was over. Among the many things Judge Bickel didn't know, also every member didn't know (although everyone else in Gallup was familiar with the facts) was the fact that one of the house into which the defendants were alleged to have illegally entered was the actual home of one of the defendants. In short, the worker had been charged with "breaking and entering" his own home, built with his own hands.

Judge Bickel didn't know the native workers felt any resentment over the eviction proceedings. Judge Bickel didn't know that Senator Vogel had defeated in the State legislature a bill that would have protected miners who had built homes on company land, that would have made these recent evictions impossible. Judge Bickel didn't know anything, in fact, and wouldn't say anything to prejudice his class interests, the interests of the big coal companies and their political agents in the legislature.

It is of the greatest importance that this outrageous frame-up attempt be beaten, as convictions would result in the unleashing of a renewed and greater reign of terror throughout the Southwest to attempt to crush organized labor.

Workers and organizations! Send protests at once to Gov. Clyde Tingley, Atty. Gen. Frank Patton, and Judge M. A. Otero, all at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Lumber Workers Vote to Strike

LONGVIEW, Wash., April 19.—2500 members of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union have voted to strike May 6 if their demands for a 39-hour week and a wage increase of 32½ cents an hour are not granted. This latest vote materially strengthens the strike preparations of 100,000 workers in the lumber industry of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California.

Officials of the Long-Bell and Weyerhaeuser Lumber Companies were conferring with union leaders in an effort to find some basis to forestall strike action. These two companies are two of the most powerful in the country, each of them owning the largest single holdings of timber in the U. S. When the crisis first hit the lumber industry the Weyerhaeuser people cut hours and crews mercilessly and trimmed wages to the bone. The Long-Bell Co. has followed suit.

The lumber companies in the Humboldt country of California have fought the unionization of the workers for the past year, both in the woods and in the mills. Protests to various NRA boards have brought no results and the workers have had to overcome tremendous difficulties to successfully build their unions.

Three Convicted On Fake Charge

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—Three workers were convicted of passing handbills in Municipal Judge Landreth's court yesterday and were sentenced to ten days in jail each. Sentences were suspended. The three were Charles Johnson, Joe Bariscioni and Joe Raymond.

The workers were arrested in front of the Olympic Auditorium, where an Epic meeting was being held. They admitted having handbills advertising the April 6 Philharmonic united front mass meeting. They declared, however, that they had no opportunity to distribute the handbills because they were immediately arrested and charged with an "offense" they had not been permitted to commit.

C. S. TRIAL

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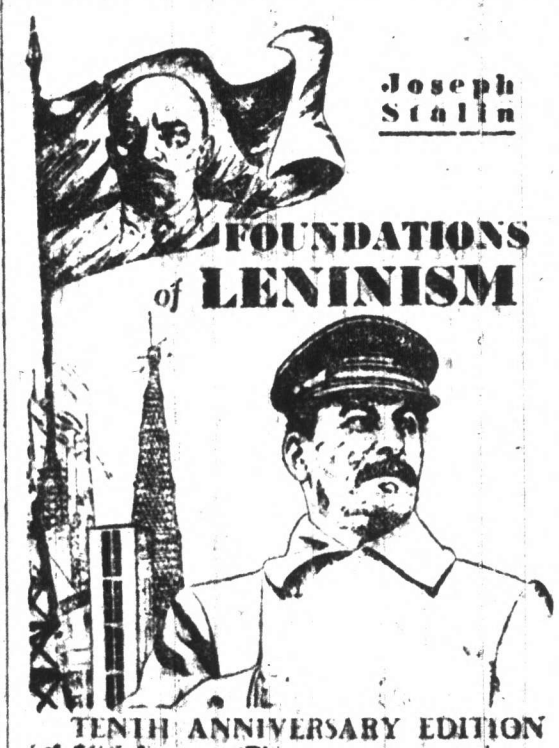
that they be transferred from the Sacramento County jail, where they are now held, to San Quentin, so that the time spent while waiting appeal can count on their terms.

To prevent this latter alternative, workers and organizations everywhere are urged to immediately flood the Third District Court of Appeals, in the State Library and Court Building at Sacramento, with demands that bail be set for these defendants. At the same time the International Labor Defense is urging that individuals and workers everywhere who can shall donate to the defense fund as a sum of not less than \$10.00 will be needed for costs of the appeal.

Unemployment Bill Endorsed By Union

SALEM, Oregon, April 11.—This is to report that Painters Local No. 724, A. F. of L. of Salem has gone on record in support of H.R. 2728. We have notified our representative in Congress of our stand and have demanded them to use their influence and vote in favor of this bill.

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Sacto. Bee Aids Railroading Of Syndicalism Defendants

SACRAMENTO, April 18.—Two important instruments in the railroading were the Hearst newspapers and the McClatchy newspapers, particularly the Sacramento Bee. The Bee last Saturday carried an attack on Juror Howard S. McIntyre, who signed an affidavit declaring the convicting verdict to be a fraud which was arrived at by bargaining and that it did not represent the honest opinions of either himself or several other jurors.

When McIntyre came before the court during both hearings on the defendants' appeal for a new trial, the judge refused to let him take the stand and testify on what McIntyre urged was an "important point that had to be cleared up." The judge also launched a bitter attack against McIntyre, condemning his action and refusing him any consideration.

The Sacramento Bee supplemented this attack with an article by Alex Ashen, attorney for the McClatchy newspapers, insulting McIntyre and also attacking the defense of the Mooney case. The article states in part:

"One of the most glaring examples of this nefarious practice was the constant hounding of the jurors who tried the Mooney case. For years each of these individual jurors was bombarded with appeals that they sign a petition recommending either a new trial

"Not-to-be-sold" SERA Beef Kills Neighbor's Dog

By a Workers Correspondent
LA CRESCENTA, Calif., April 18.—I want to have my neighbor arrested for cruelty to animals. They opened a can of "surplus-fresh-roasted-steamed-parboiled, not-to-be-sold" beef.

Mrs. Neighbor didn't like the aroma, so they fed the beef to the dog. He was very sick for four days—and then they were forced to shoot him.

Suppose they had fed that "beef" to the kids!

or a pardon for Mooney."

"A law should be passed by our state legislature to make it a criminal offense for anyone to approach any juror after the trial of a case with the purpose of getting him or her to impeach his verdict, or to get such a juror to sign any petition for the purpose of seeking a new trial, parole, or pardon."

"Any juror who makes such a statement, after he has sworn that the verdict of a jury is his verdict, should be guilty of contempt of court."

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WHAT TO DO WHEN ARRESTED IN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS

In view of the present wave of deportation proceedings throughout the country, involving workers of every nationality, the International Labor Defense has issued the following instructions as to what to do when held for deportation or under arrest by immigration officials.

Following these instructions may save you from being railroaded out of the country on a trumped-up charge.

- 1.—Always remember that Immigration Inspectors have absolutely no power to compel you to answer any of their questions.
- 2.—Refuse to answer all questions—anywhere—in jail, at home, in organization headquarters, on the street—except your name, until you have seen an attorney.
- 3.—Notify the International Labor Defense. (Number in phone book.)
- 4.—Give no address, place of employment, the country you come from, when you arrived, whether or not you are a citizen. Don't give the name of the ship or the date when you came.
- 5.—Don't sign anything. Don't be fooled into answering questions by an inspector who says he is trying to help you.
- 6.—Deportation hearings are held in private. No workers are present. The only people in the room are commissioners, stenographers, the defendant and the lawyer. Everything you say is secret. Don't try to propagandize the officials at these hearings.
- 7.—ALWAYS REMEMBER—the Department of Labor must prove that you can be deported. They cannot get a visa to any country unless they prove you are a citizen of that country. Don't give them any free information. It will be used against you.
- 8.—ALWAYS REMEMBER—the Department of Labor still has not the right of arrest without warrant. If an inspector tells you to come along with him, demand that he show you his warrant. The same applies if he tries to search your home. He must have a warrant.

Answer no questions. Don't sign anything.

It is necessary to point out that in many recent cases, failure to follow these simple rules has made it impossible to put up a good legal fight against deportation, and has to a certain extent also undermined the possibilities of developing a mass campaign.

In the April issue of "The Communist"

RELIGION And Communism

By Earl Browder

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WITH THE CIRCULATION BUILDERS

By H. G. A.

Workers who say they have tried to sell Western Worker and failed can learn much from Arthur A. Tarkum. Tarkum is the worker who sells workers periodicals on Third and Minna Street in San Francisco.

Because most workers who fail complain they cannot make enough selling workers publications to pay for "coffee and doughnuts," Tarkum was asked the question, "Are you able to get by?"

"Sure I get by," he replied laconically. "I make more than I would on relief."

Tarkum makes a business of selling workers publications and considers himself a full time functionary of the movement. He conducts himself accordingly.

"Some workers," said Tarkum "think they can build a regular list of customers by staying on the streets two or three hours a day. It can't be done that way. I get out here about nine in the morning and stay until five-thirty or six in the evening. Then they can always find me there."

"I sell about 200 Western Workers every week and about 250 copies of the Daily Worker each week. In addition I sell from 130 to 150 copies of the Moscow News and eighteen or twenty New Masses. I handle about forty Soviet Russia Today and thirty or forty China Today. Besides that I sell considerable miscellaneous revolutionary publications, including pamphlets."

"Next Saturday I will sell about \$10 worth of books and other literature to one of my regular customers."

Workers who say they can't sell a five cent publication should take notice that Tarkum sells quite a few cloth-bound books on a street corner. "But," explains Tarkum, "I sell these to regular customers."

"At my former location I used to make deliveries in nearby

hotels to customers who didn't want to patronize my stand on the street. They paid me once a week.

"Then there are two or three factory workers who buy small bundles from me for distribution in their factories. I sell them these bundles at three cents each so as to encourage them to buy more."

"Other workers have me lay away papers for them and they get them once a week."

"I even have out of town workers who have me mail them publications. These are workers in and out of the city and who do not want to subscribe."

Tarkum has been selling revolutionary literature for a long time. He has learned by experience, by trial and error. What he says should be taken seriously by all red builders.

"Keep neat and clean," advised Tarkum. "Don't get into arguments. Workers who may not agree with our program may be persuaded to buy our literature, if we do not drive them away with heated arguments and disputes. We are not on the streets to agitate; our publications do that."

"Likewise, we should not impose on regular customers and try to sell them stamps, etc. Occasionally we can get donations for the movement, but this can be done only with definitely known close sympathizers."

Tarkum emphasized that it is necessary for red builders to try to gain tolerance of merchants in the area being worked. "At night I even leave my stand at the store at that corner," said Tarkum. "There isn't one of them that I am on unfriendly terms with."

Drunks are always a problem, admitted Tarkum. When they hang around they discourage all sales. "Don't argue with them," said Tarkum. "Just give them a hard look and they'll usually beat it. Drunks never bother me any more."

Anti-War Congress

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Party, Waldo McNutt, National Organizer American League Against War and Fascism,

George Castleman, Council of Marine Crafts,

The New Theater group of San Francisco will also put on an anti-war play.

Among the organizations endorsing and sending delegates to the Congress are the following:

Council of Marine Crafts, San Francisco (26 locals represented). Building Trades and Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County.

International Association of Machinists No. 68, S. F. Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, No. 1158, San Francisco.

Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union, Local 17960, S. F.

Auto Mechanics Union, No. 1305, S. F.

Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Lodge 890, San Francisco.

Fur Workers, Local 9, S. F. Ornamental Iron Workers, S. F.

I. L. G. W. U. No. 8, S. F.

Masters, Mates and Pilots, No. 90, S. F.

Marine Firemen and Oilers, S. F.

American Radio Telegraphers' Association, S. F.

Bakers' Union, No. 24 of San Jose.

I. L. A.—Scalers Local of San Francisco.

I. L. A.—Ware Housemen's Local of San Francisco.

I. L. A.—Women's Auxiliary, San Francisco.

San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party—26th Assembly District Branch.

San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party.

University of California Anti-War Committee.

Berkeley Young Epic Club.

San Francisco Utopians.

National Technocracy League, Paso Robles Unit.

Workman's Circle, L. A. Workman's Circle, S. F.

Public Works and Unemployed Unions of Oakland, Santa Rosa and San Francisco.

Los Angeles Workers' School.

I. L. D.—District 19, Colorado.

I. L. D.—Pismo Beach, Menlo Park, Watsonville, Petaluma.

Finnish Workers' Club, Berkeley, San Francisco.

Berkeley Finnish Working Women's Club.

Spartacus, Greek Workers Club, S. F.

Lithuanian Literary Society, San Francisco.

Working Women's Association, Oakland.

Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism, S. F.

MAY DAY

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day, April 21, at 2 p. m., Room 319 Pacific Building.

The previous conference was featured by the enthusiasm of the many delegates who left the meeting determined to bring added thousands in to the demonstration and meeting May 1.

May Day Picnic.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 19.—A United Front May Day Picnic will be held at Las Olas south of here on May 1. A committee meeting to draft final plans has been called for Friday night, April 19.

Cars with banners and May Day slogans and advertisements of the picnic will drive through Santa Barbara the morning of May 1.

SACRAMENTO, April 19.—In this vigilante-ridden cesspool of boss class terror the workers are pointing the way by planning two mighty united front May Day demonstrations, one at Plaza Park at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the other at the Plaza Theater in the evening.

The demonstrations will be the workers' answer to the vicious frameup of eight of their comrades on fake charges of Criminal Syndicalism. The demonstration and mass meeting will take place in spite of the vigilante terror which rages here practically every hour of the day and night.

The united front here will be established around the fight to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act and is being sponsored by the International Labor Defense, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League. A parade will be held in addition to the park meeting and the meeting at night in the Plaza Theater.

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SAVE APRIL 20—NEXT SATURDAY. Anniversary of the founding of the Young Communist League. Dance, Speakers, Program. All funds to the Voice of Youth, West Coast organ of the Young Communist League, Equality Hall, 141 Alhambra St., at 8 p. m. All organizations are requested to cooperate by not scheduling affairs to conflict.

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Los Angeles

MAY 1—Huge Mass Meeting and Concert, Eve. of May 1, Mason Opera House. Aspires Communist Party.

NATURE FRIENDS—April 21. Quarterly meeting, at 2 p. m., sharp at the Club House. Executive Committee meeting and work day in the morning.

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p. m. Admission ten cents. (Save April 20th for Cultural Center Anniversary)

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MAY Picnic will be held Sunday, April 28, at Palm Grove Canyon, San Pedro. Mass Organizations do not arrange conflicting affairs. Complete program of entertainment, speeches, etc., will be announced later.

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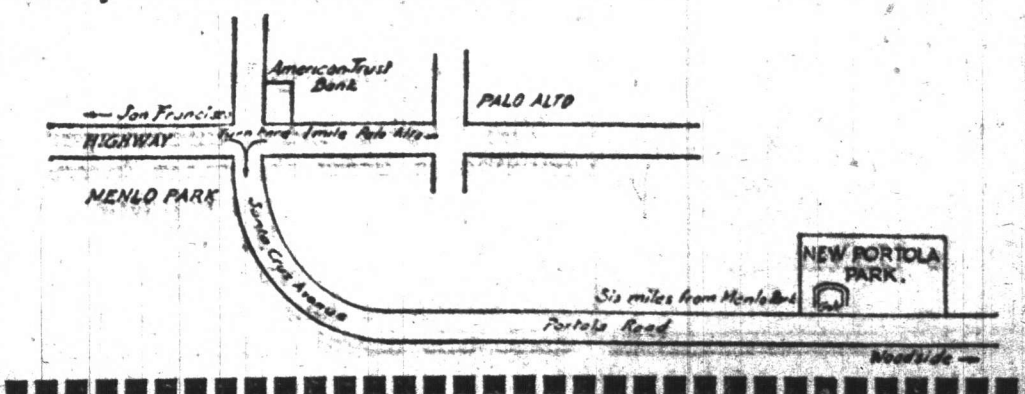
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Hearst Chooses Another Liar

By Terry Casey.

Addis Ababa, capital of Abyssinia, means "New Flower" in Ethiopian. Judging by Mussolini's agreement to take his attack on them into the League of Nations after mobilizing an army, he may have decided it was poison ivy to him.

A vaudeville artist in Berlin had a joke that used to wow them regularly until the Nazi censors jumped on him.

"I was standing in front of the Opera House," said he, "and along came a big twenty-four cylinder, nickelplated Hispano-Suiza car. And—here he would pause for effect—"believe it or not, there was no Nazi official riding in it."

After the censors backed him in a corner, he agreed to change the joke. Now he tells it the same way, then explains the incident of the censor. "I was mistaken," he adds. "There WAS a Nazi official riding in it."

It seems to bother Hearst and others of his ilk that many of those who attended the Little Red Schoolhouse (in the days when better schools could have been provided) have grown up into red professors.

All the drought areas farmers have gotten so far has been senatorial salt tears and congressional manure. And that doesn't save the top soil.

The only experts left who can reasonably claim to be able to see prosperity are the astronomers.

The recent fiasco of Chief of Police Davis who spoke here under auspices of the Elks in their drive to put over more fascist legislation, reminds us of the incident in last election campaign when Irvin Cobbs was campaigning for Merriam.

One of the boys from the Ozarks was heckling Cobb who couldn't take it. Finally, Cobb separated asked the heckler: "Do you know what we do with communists down in Tennessee?"

"No-o," drawled the tall lad, "but I know what we do with cobs backs in Mizoura."

Geneyas and Streas remind us of sand lot baseball days. These parley appear to be just a new way of choosing sides. Instead of tossing up a bat they toss up a document.

"Unless the idle workers are given productive work. THEY will seek an outlet in military or imperialistic ventures."
—Rexford Tugwell.
What do you mean, THEY?
BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:
"Either one believes in undertaken obligations or one does not. If one believes in them, then the necessity for military agreements is not apparent."
—Hitler.

A broken who had made his marks in Wall Street sought admission at the nearby gates.
"What are you?" said St. Peter.
"I'm a Wall Street broker."
"What do you want?"
"I want to get in."
"What have you done that entitles you to admission?"
"Well, I saw a decrepit woman on Broadway the other day and gave her two cents."
"Gabriel, is that on the record?"
"Yes, St. Peter, it's marked down to his credit."
"What else have you done?"
"Well, I crossed the Brooklyn bridge the other night and met a newsboy half frozen to death, and gave him one cent."
"Gabriel, is that on the record?"
"Yes, St. Peter."
"What else have you done?"
"Well, I can't recollect anything else just now."
"Gabriel, what do you think we ought to do with this fellow?"
"Oh, give him back his three cents and tell him to go to hell!"

A tourist was looking into the Grand Canyon.
"Do you know," said the guide, "it took millions of years to carve that out?"
"Hell," said the tourist. "Another SERA pick and shovel job."

It has been so long since some of the unemployed have seen money that many are beginning to believe it has already been abolished.

Hitler's Terror Drive Grows Worse
BERLIN, Germany, April 15.—Hitler's terror balance sheet for February shows a total of 75 years of hard labor imposed on anti-fascists and 594 years of ordinary imprisonment. For the first two months of 1935 the Red Aid of Germany records 2237 years of jail sentences.

By A Carmel Observer.

Mr. Hearst has been looking around rather desperately recently for nice standardised, regimented (in a fascist sense) Americans with enough pull to draw readers, to write his editorials for him. After Richard Washburn Child died he was a bit hard put to it. Ben de Casseres and H. L. Mencken tried their hands at it, but their stuff didn't go down very well. (It's hard for an ex-high-brow to be quite so low as is required by the Hearst press and at the same time be interesting. These ex-intellectuals hadn't had enough practise.)

So lo and behold... Mr. Hearst reaches in to the "best" university in California—Stanford. And does he pull out a plum... Stanley Deaubaire. This Deaubaire was once editor of the Stanford Daily. He got his editorship by such questionable methods that he had to be carefully watched while he was in. His college pals eyed him askance. He was a bit of a joke at Stanford.

He used to go to Carmel with Bill Rogers and other Stanford students and used to call on some John Reed Club members here and ask about Communism.

And then Papa Hearst came along—with a nice little offer, \$30,000, no less—for Stan to go on a junket to Washington with some other college kids. When he returned Stan was invited to San Simco. Remember the tales of Communists using pretty girls to "lure" sailors and soldiers. Well, down at San Simco Stan met quite a lot of pretty girls. It is rumored Marion Davies is occasionally to be seen wandering among the dromedaries and giraffes of the private Hearst zoo; and other dames would occasionally stop doing cross word puzzles to nod to the young Stanford ex-editor.

And very soon young Stan was writing editorials for Papa Hearst in the Hearst news papers.

Funny editorials suggesting students don't fight war but sit nicely and prettily in their classes and absorb "education."

Stan wouldn't do anything so undignified as show with courage and determination that he wouldn't fight. No, sir. That doesn't get you invitations to San Simco and \$30,000 junkets.

WE believe in patriotism—or do we mean patriotism, Stanley Deaubaire?

Spring Picnic For L. A. Children's Camp

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—Readers of the Western Worker have already heard about L.A.W.O. (Los Angeles Workers' Children's Camp). Committees from mass organizations have been steadily on the job popularizing and collecting funds for this great feat.

This benefit picnic must be a great success to insure the opening of the camp on June 30th. Every worker in his organization must see to it that the picnic is attended by a goodly portion of his fellow members.

The picnic will be held on May 25th at Whiting Woods, a beautiful country resort on the Verdugo Hills. A fine program by the children will be given. An interesting bazaar will be held. Dinner will be served. Sports will be the program of the day. Dancing, games and plenty of healthy fun is assured to all.

Admission is 25c. Children will be admitted free if accompanied by adults. Support this picnic and you will be supporting the building of a camp for workers' kids for Southern California.

Soviet Singer to Give S. F. Program

LOS ANGELES, April 18.—The Soviet Russian Basso, Solor Belarsky, scored a triumph here in his performance as Boris in Mousorgsky's great opera "Boris Godunov," at the Philharmonic Auditorium.
Belarsky sang the title role in English. This basso, acknowledged by the finest voices in the world, received his training at the Leningrad State Opera.
Belarsky will sing in San Francisco for the first time on Friday night, May 3, at Scott's Rite Auditorium. His program will include a great many of the most loved songs by present day Soviet composers.

CORRECTION

In a story which appeared in our April 15 issue about San Diego-Coronado ferryman winning pay increase from the arbitration board, the increase for minimum pay, from \$104 to \$176 a month is incorrect. The correct figures are \$104 to \$125 a month. The rest of the story is correct.

'HIS MAJESTY', THE CAPITALIST

Words by Martin Wilson, one of the eight defendants convicted in Sacramento. Tune: "While the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Set in March Time.

You have stole our bread and butter, put it under lock and key.
You have stained the streets of Frisco with our blood.
You have fenced in all the land and marked it private property,
And the blood of workers stains your Pixley mud!
Oh, you drive us in your sweatshops
Till we band to stand united.
When we're striking in your fruit-crops,
You persecute us with your C. S. Laws.

Though we built your stately mansions where your wife and children sleep,
Our children sleep in shacks in Hooverville.
Where the rats, and lice, and bedbugs, and all the vermin creep.
And to eat we search your dumps, to gather swill.
Though you own the whole creation,
And we're starving midst the plenty.
When we join a demonstration
You persecute us with your C. S. Laws.

You have hid behind the skirts of what you call "Democracy."
Thought you owned our souls and bodies at our birth,
You have made us blind to tyranny by saying we are free,
Though we're slaves as long as you will own this earth.
Oh, you herd us off to battle
To kill our fellow-workers,
When we refuse to act like cattle
You persecute us with your C. S. Laws.

You have rolled in wealth and comfort from the workers' misery.
You have fattened off the sweat of Labor's toil.
But now a day is coming when the workers will be free
And their organized to take back all your spoil.
All the jails, and guns, and teargas
Cannot stop the march to freedom,
Nor defeat the working class.
So, we say "To Hell with all your C. S. Laws."

"C. S. Laws" means Criminal Syndicalism Laws.

The Fight Must Still Go On



SCOTTSBORO VICTORY RALLY WILL DEMAND FULL FREEDOM

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—A Scottsboro Victory Rally will be held next Tuesday, April 23, at 8 p. m. at the Western Addition Hall, 2226 Fillmore st. The meeting will celebrate the victory of the Scottsboro boys in getting reversal of their death sentence by the United States Supreme Court, and will rally support to carry the fight to a victorious conclusion. Admission is free to this meeting, sponsored by the International Labor Defense.

Among the speakers who will discuss different aspects of the case are Miss Tabitha Anderson, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of San Francisco; Elaine Black for the I. L. D., and Dr. Matt Crawford of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. Mrs. Della Dale, 55-year-old woman victim of a vicious police beating in San Francisco, and James Branch will also speak. Branch will tell about the anti-labor and deportation bills now before Congress.

The Scottsboro victory, in obtaining a ruling that the indictments in the case were illegal because Negroes had been systematically excluded from the grand jury, does not alter the fact that the Alabama ruling class will make every effort to carry through the designs of the southern lynchings. Only a militant fight by an aroused working class can render effective the legal right gained under the Supreme Court ruling.

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Company's Greed for Profits Causes Sickness Among Serv. Station Workers

Shell Bosses Refuse Sick Leave to Men With Pneumonia

By a Service Station Operator
Shell Service Stations
San Francisco, Cal.,
April 15, 1935.

Western Worker Medical Bureau.
Dear Editor:

We cannot find words to express our praise of your article "HEALTH AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE" in today's Western Worker. Only too well do we know the amount of "Flu" and "Pneumonia" contracted among the service station employees this last winter, and this late in the spring workers are still taking to bed as a result of prolonged exposure.

Of course we cannot control the forces of nature but we can at least provide ways and means of preventing this unnecessary toll of sickness and suffering—to say nothing of the loss of pay resulting from the time we are out on our backs.

When one of our men is injured on the job, which happens very often, due to the speed-up, he can receive compensation which will help to pay for the bandages and plasters till they can get him patched up enough to get him off the compensation.

Exposure and Ill-Health

Also the industrial accidents run pretty high and the workers foot the bills whichever way you look at it, accidents are less than one-third the cause of workers being laid up as a result of the set-up of the gas stations throughout San Francisco. Most of our lost time results directly from "Flu" and "Pneumonia," because when we contract a cold from constant exposure we cannot take a day off—or for that matter a few hours—in order that we may doctor up our colds before they reach the stage wherein we are forced to drop from weakness or fever and exhaustion.

Since we are docked every moment, we must carry on to the end, as our meager wages are so small they do not permit us station men to take half way decent care of themselves.

No Sick Leave

Some of us were under the impression that sickness resulting directly from the job was cause enough for the sick ones to appeal directly to the Shell Oil Co. to let us have a day off so we can consult a doctor and prevent our sickness from reaching the point where our very lives would be endangered. Well, Mr. Editor, we are enclosing part three of the bulletin issued by Mr. Tadich to every man on the stations in San Francisco on April 8. Incidentally this same Mr. Tadich is much feared by the station men, due to his bitterness toward our trying to better our working conditions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

The management has decided upon the following policy concerning payment of salary and commission during the period of any absences on the part of operating service station employees.

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All concerned should have a definite understanding on the matter of station commission payments as affected by this ruling.
M. F. Cooper.

Notice that this is signed by M. F. Cooper, better known as "Pop," the "champion" of the station men.

Demand Granted

Through their lieutenants, Tadich and Cooper, the Shell Oil Co. has opposed the fight of the men for warmer clothing during the winter months. All the men wanted was the right to wear the regulation blue sweaters which we buy at our own expense, as we do all our uniforms. When the demands of the men grew so loud the bosses could no longer stifle them old "Pop" himself came to the front, pretending to be fighting for "his boys", and permitted them to wear coats. Of course we pay a handsome price for them since the company demands we buy from the Emporium—another notorious anti-working class outfit.

The majority of the men have finally waked up, and we are preparing for the fight for pay in cases of sickness, living wages, and representation of workers, backed by one of the most powerful unions to be: "THE SERVICE STATIONS EMPLOYEES UNION."

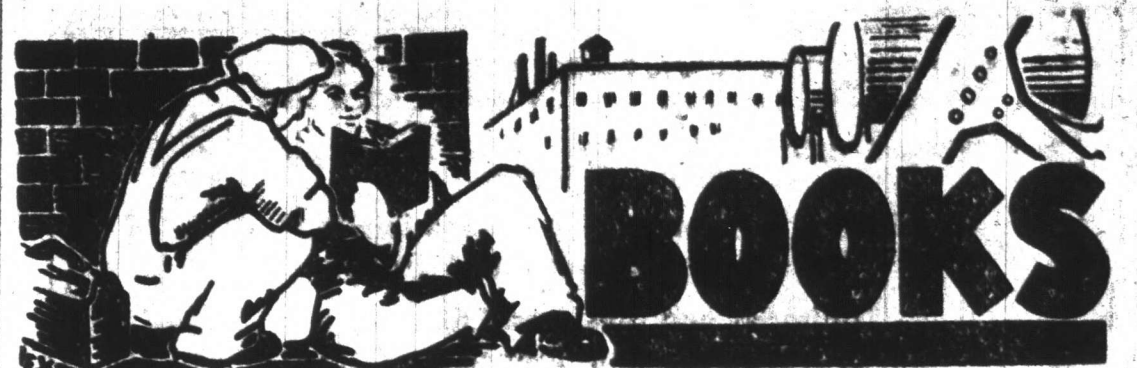
It was only a short time ago that I mentioned a union to these boys was futile—but now watch us go.

Shell's Spy System

Of course we know the Shell Oil Co. has one of the most abominable stool-pigeon systems in the oil business, not even second to the Standard Oil Co., so we workers are using every precaution to keep the newly recruited members covered up so they will be fully protected till the day we are plenty strong enough to present our demands in a body; as section 7 in article of the petroleum code grants to the workers.

In spite of the Shell Oil Co. and their aforementioned policy we are going over the top for better conditions. If any one is entitled to proper protection of health we surely are, since we are the producers, and the Tadichs and Coopers have ridden us long enough.

Mr. Editor, if this letter is printed in your paper we will appreciate it, since none of the Hearst papers and others of their type will give us a voice. They are not only afraid of losing the oil companies advertising, but they are against any movement on the part of the workers to organize. As you can see by the full page ads they run, lying about our fellow workers in the oil industry, the tanker employees.



NATURE OF THE CAPITALIST CRISIS by John Strachey. Covici-Friede—\$3.00

Review by LOU McLEAN

Giving a lecture tour in the United States—running into the Hearst "Red" blockade in Illinois—deportation charges incited by the Hearst machine in the guise of the American Legion—all these have added to John Strachey's fame as an author of Marxian economists. His prestige rests on the secure foundation of the works themselves.

In his book, The Coming Struggle for Power, he made clear many points of interest to the Great American Middle Class in reference to history. In his latest book, Nature of Capitalist Crisis, he tells in fine, sharp manner just why the amateur and professional capitalist economists have been unable to give a plausible reason for the present great crisis

that has millions of people throughout the world in its grip. And he not only shows the capitalist economists inability to cope with present conditions but the different schools of economics and their leaders complete inability to solve the crisis.

The 165 pages are utilised in excellent presentation of the capitalist point of view regarding "RECOVERY" for the CAPITALIST CLASS. Deflation, inflation, and downright fascism of the Hitler type are presented by capitalist economists. All these so-called solutions are to be used to PUSH DOWN THE WORKERS, the real producers of the WEALTH. No matter what path the different bourgeois economists take their objective is to crush the workers. And Strachey shows that unless the workers fight back, tooth and nail, the Capitalists will in the end crush the workers.

HEALTH AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE

By the Western Worker Medical Bureau.

HEALTH AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE—MURDER IN SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITAL—

"Patient Strangled By Mistake" scream the headlines. This incident occurs in "our" famous and dreaded San Francisco City and County Hospital. The capitalist press is so interested in this latest victim solely because of the sensational manner of his death. There are hundreds of such "mistakes" every year in the hospital and there is not a peep out of the yellow papers, because the victim perishes quietly in the deathly stillness of a barn-like ward at night, or coughs his lungs out in a forgotten corner of his windy labyrinth of the tuberculosis wards.

In the San Francisco Hospital—it being a capitalist organization—the terrific speed-up and extreme exploitation has grown from year to year. Wards have been closed down because of "lack of funds"—(the Board of Supervisors' term for their own greedy graft.) More and more patients have been jammed into overcrowded wards; staff and employees have been laid off; and the remaining employees have had their work doubled at lower and lower wages.

Underpaid, Underfed

Well, we remember our days as a resident doctor in this institution a couple of years ago. On the surface its organization appears so efficient, so modern, so scientific. Yet, in reality there is such a grind, the employees are so overworked, that many of them move about in a daze at their work, like automatons. All of them are underpaid, and many even undernourished. There are too few orderlies, forcing the nurses and internes to do much of their work. There are too few technicians, causing the doctors to do a lot of technical work poorly. The nurses barely have time to give even elementary service to each patient. The resident doctors and student nurses are grossly under-

paid,—\$10 a month and miserable, insufficient food. And the visiting doctors aren't paid at all! What can you expect in an institution of this sort?

According to the press, the victim in question was in an advanced stage of intoxication, out of his head, and was left without an orderly to watch him, which is a common practice. Why? Because the San Francisco Hospital is grossly understaffed. And the patient rolled from a table and was slowly strangled to death by a strap which fastened him down.

A small child was killed recently through the injection of the wrong substance by an overworked and brain-fatigued interne. Why? Because this hospital is understaffed!

There are many similar cases that never reach the columns of the press.

But, you ask, surely the Board of Supervisors appropriate quite large sums for the hospital? The answer is that much of these funds are never used for hospital administration but go into the pockets of political grafters! As an example for this: A few years ago several thousand dollars were set aside to paint the whole hospital, and the fund was entirely used up by the time one ward was painted! These fat leeches, favorites of the Board of Supervisors, fatten like vultures on the blood of the workers that are murdered by the inhuman system in this hospital.

What is to be done about this? The employees of the hospital, including the internes, should organize against the speed-up and the wage-cutting. The workers on the outside, all potential victims of this vicious system should raise a storm of protest, particularly through the unemployed unions, the International Workers' Order, and similar organizations.

In future articles we will enlarge on the county institutions and the details of the technique of organizing them.

Demand Police Ban On Loudspeakers May Day Be Lifted

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 15.—Last week the Los Angeles Police Commission unanimously voted down the application of the Provisional Committee, for Action on May Day for the use of loud speakers at the Plaza Demonstration May 1st. They gave as their excuse that it would tie up traffic to have a large crowd at the plaza, and that it was against the city ordinance to have loud speakers in the down town area.

In answer to this obvious attempt on the part of the police to halt the workers demonstration, the American Civil Liberties Union is preparing to file suit against the police commission. Examination of the city ordinance showed that such matters were to be "left to the discretion of the police commission."

Liberal and political organizations who are taking part in the United Front Plaza demonstration have started an intensive letter and telephone campaign protesting to Mayor Shaw and the police commission for their action in denying the use of loud speakers, and demanding the application be granted.

A committee was appointed by the Public Works and Unemployed League, to call on the Police Commission and demand that loud speakers be permitted at the May Day Plaza Demonstration. Mrs. Purdy headed this committee.

Fleet to Stage War Rehearsal

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 19.—The most rigorous war games in the history of the United States will maneuver off the coast as far north as Alaska, in mid ocean, around the Hawaiian Islands, Midway Islands, and other stations, beginning April 22 when the destroyers of the scouting and battle forces leave here.

The high naval officials are so anxious to get started that the dates have been put ahead from May 3. Maneuvers will continue for over a month with the entire fleet returning to San Diego about June 10, to take part in the jingo displays for the Exposition.

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TO FREE THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS

Comrades! Fellow Workers!
The Scottsboro boys must be freed! Angelo Herndon must be saved from living death on the chain-gangs of the South. For four years the hands of the Southern lynchers have been stayed by the mass efforts of millions of workers, farmers and intellectuals. This same mass pressure has finally forced a decision from the Supreme Court of the United States, which not only saves the boys once more from the electric chair, but which is at the same time a tremendous victory in the struggle for Negro rights.

But there must be no illusions. Before the Scottsboro boys are free, before Angelo Herndon can once more freely take his place in the ranks of the working-class, a long bitter battle lies ahead. This battle must be fought on two fronts.

The best possible legal defense must be provided. The mass pressure which has won so many victories in these historic cases, must be multiplied many-fold.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party which has from the beginning given its fullest support to the campaign conducted by the International Labor Defense in the Scottsboro and Herndon cases, now calls upon the American working-class, and upon all who wish to put an end to "lynch justice" to rally in one mighty effort to carry these cases on to final victory.

A fighting fund of \$20,000 is needed to enable the International Labor Defense to carry on its defense in these cases. This money must be raised within the next two months.

The Central Committee itself contributes \$500 to this fund and calls upon all members of the Communist Party, upon all workers in the trade unions and the mass organizations, upon all intellectuals and liberals, to raise this fund within the next sixty days. Take up collections in your shops, in the neighborhood, and in the countryside. Mobilize to demand the immediate, unconditional, safe release of the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon. Send your donations at once! Build the I. L. D.

Demand: No re-indictments of the Scottsboro boys!
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.
EARL BROWDER, General Secretary.

Board Refuses Hearing On Clubbing of College Girls

Protest Movement Grows As Authorities Try to Whitewash Beating of Students

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—Denied a hearing at the Board of Education meeting last night, 200 students, parents and sympathizers today announced their intention to "carry on" their protest over the clubbing of two girls by police and the suspension of four others following the April 12 Antiwar Demonstration at Los Angeles Junior College.

Absence of Director Roscoe C. Ingalls of the college, who is attending a convention, was used as an excuse for postponing the hearing until Thursday night at a special meeting. Actually, this was eagerly grasped at by the education board, fearful at the mass protest that had moved in on them.

Petitions bearing more than 2000 students' names were presented by Celeste Strack, C. C. L. A. antiwar leader, and Nancy Bedford-Jones, daughter of H. Bedford-Jones, author. The petitions demanded reinstatement of Kenneth Jamboil, Hyman Hoffman, Margaret Lamy and Eugene Droginsky, suspended leaders in the antiwar demonstration at the junior college.

The petitions also demanded "no further reprisals" against student antiwar participants. Director Ingalls previously announced he was "considering" the cases of twelve other students who participated in the strike.

Banners appeared in the crowd at the hearing, bearing such slogans as "Keep Police Off the Campus" and "Reinstate Suspended Students."

Fearful of trouble, the board members summoned radio police to aid "red squad" officers scattered in the audience.

Only take up the case of the brutal take-up of the case of the two brutally clubbed students, Flora Turchinsky and Esther Kleinman, but will also consider the case of Bernice Gallagher, suspended John Marshall High School student.

The attitude of the board of education, which has backed up the various school authorities, is significant in view of the fact

that the present board are supposed to be "liberals." It is this board which has denied use of the schools for public meetings to various groups, in violation of state school law.

Sitting on this board and one of the most reactionary in deeds—though liberal in words when campaigning for election—is Will H. Henry, formerly national secretary of the Socialist Party of America, has consistently shown himself an enemy of labor. He has voted against free speech and all efforts at liberalizing the schools. He has been opposed to all student rights.

In 1932, Henry, then an official spokesman for the Socialist Party of California, withdrew and announced his candidacy for Congress on the Democratic ticket, "because I can do more good if I'm elected; and I'll still work for Socialism and the rights of labor," said he. How he works for labor's rights and students' rights, now that he is on the school board is clearly demonstrated.

Torpedoes Lost In Battle Practice

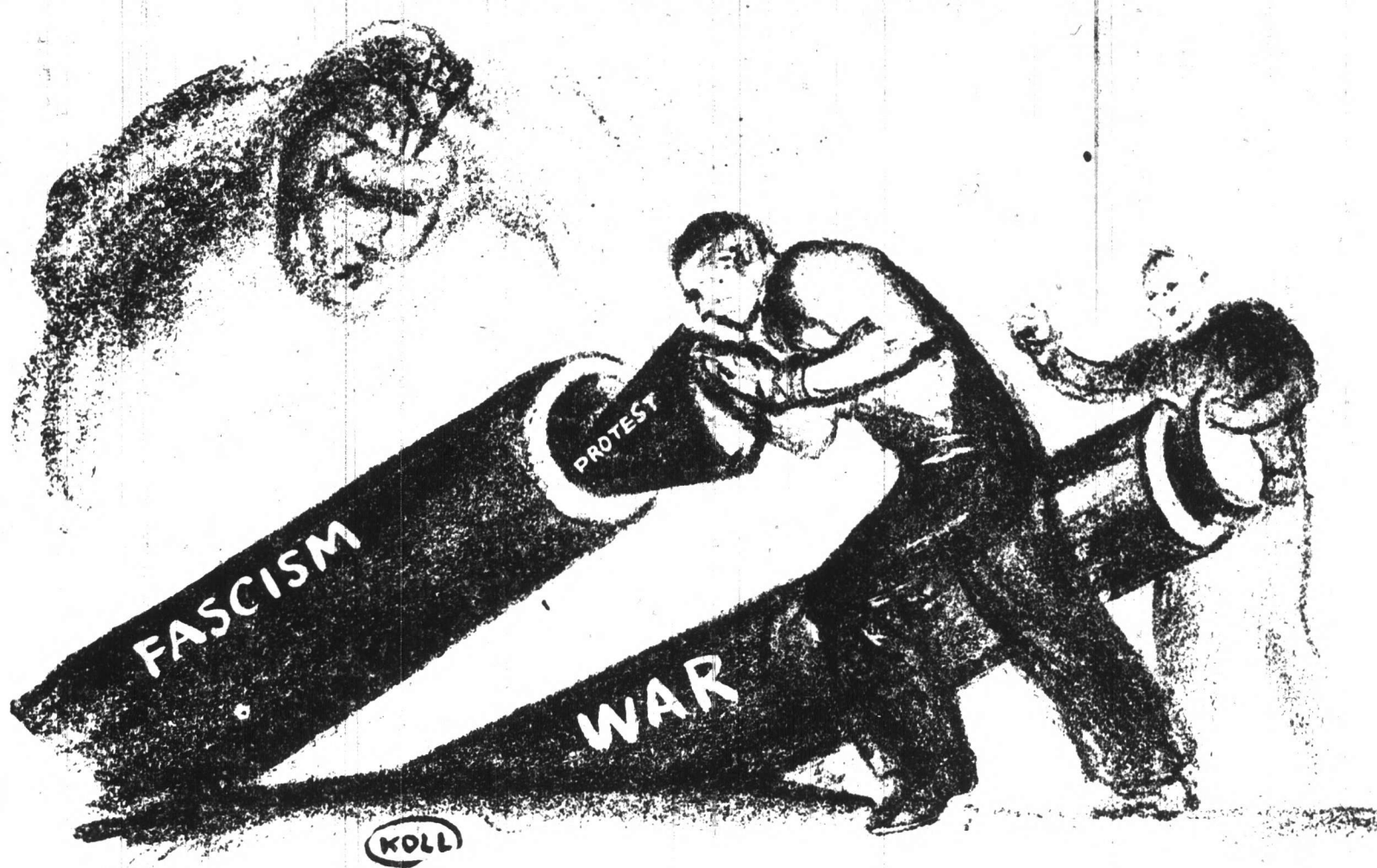
SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 14.—In the recent maneuvers of the fleet here, not only was the cruiser Northampton struck by a wild torpedo, but it has developed that there are a dozen such wild torpedoes floating off the coast.

Twenty dollars reward will be paid by the Navy to anyone recovering one.

These twelve torpedoes are said to have cost a cool \$17,000. They are the latest design and have a range of more than nine miles. They maintain the courses set for them and steer themselves by gyro compasses. Turbines operate them at a speed of 45 knots.

Usually in such maneuvers one or two torpedoes go wild. To have twelve go wild, indicates the extent to which the Navy is increasing war training.

Now Is the Time to Act



By Nathan Yanich

TWO WEEKS VACATION WITH PAY

A Short Story

(Ex-Company Clerk, California National Guard.)

The following is not merely a short story, but a transitory tale of the true experiences of a young worker in the National Guards, and true happenings in which the N. G. participated.

This is not intended as an exposure of the rottenness to be found in the guards, else the writer could tell tales from his experience as Company Clerk, showing where companies fleeced both enlisted men and state government as well.

Summer is in the air. Downtown Market Street is packed with sweating, foot-weary office clerks, high-school boys and girls, bankers mistresses, late shoppers and mere window shoppers. On the corner of Fourth and Market Streets, stands a striped tent, catching the eye of the passer-by, but drawing little comment.

Sergeant Charley Egen, short and chubby, and nattily attired in parade dress, sporting a starched white shirt, stands with the ease of an old soldier near the sign inviting all men, sound of limb and mind, to "Two Weeks Vacation With Pay." On further investigation, one finds that by joining the National Guard, one is entitled to two weeks of swimming and ball-playing, good nourishing food, and a dollar a day pay.

A young hatless man was slowly pushing his way through the crowd, hugging the inside of the sidewalk, but the eagle eyes of Sergeant Egen, scanning the swaying potage for possible recruits, fell on the lad, and with the agility of a cat he squirmed through and was tapping the young man on the shoulder.

"Pardon me, buddy, but aren't you Spike Donnelly?" Sergeant Egen was the proud owner of a winning smile, and he won the boy's confidence.

"That's me," Spike smiled back, and studied Sergeant Egen.

Which worthy induced Spike to step into the tent for a while and talk.

"Don't you recognize me? I'm Charley Egen, manager of Company K's baseball team. We play

ed your team about four weeks ago in Golden Gate Park. Remember?" and Manager Charley Egen laughed heartily and poked Spike playfully in the belly.

Spike liked nothing better than talking baseball when he was not actually playing, and so entered into the spirit of the occasion.

"That was quite a tussle, wasn't it?" he recalled fondly.

Sergeant Egen waxed eloquent. "Boy, you said a mouthful. And the way you were pasting that ol' apple that day. Why, that last inning hit of yours went by my third baseman so fast, I could hear it whistle on the first base coaching line." And studying Spike fondly, he broached the subject that was uppermost in his mind at all times.

"Say, Spike, we sure need a hitter like you in our team. We got a chance to cop the flag in camp this year, if we only got a little stronger hitting." Spike was interested.

"Say, our team is breaking up for the summer. I'll be glad to play for you!"

Sergeant Egen, military dignity forgotten in a moment of extreme bliss in landing a hard hitter for his ball team, jumped up from the stool, and embraced Spike.

Summer is in the air. The State armory is buzzing with activity. A steady stream of soldiers is filing up and down the stairs leading to the basement, like an army of ants. The supply rooms are tonight the center points. Supply Sergeants are issuing dungarees and O.D.'s, rifles and shoes, campaign hats and blankets, and pup tents, and canteens to the milling, jesting, sweating soldiers, who sign for them. Orderlies are carefully packing the large Army trunks and storing them into the corners. In an improvised office, the shavetail, or second lieutenant, the only officer who does any work, is busy checking over the list of supplies to be taken to camp this year.

On the second floor, in the office of Company K, 15th Infantry, Spike Donnelly is enlisting for a three year term. Captain Toner is seated by a flat-top desk, the blue enlistment papers before him.

His topdog, Top Sergeant Watters, stands leaning against the desk, watching the proceedings. Spike stands stiffly at the captain's side, strangely ill at ease.

Captain Toner is rattling off a list of questions. He comes to a stickler.

"How old are you?" he asks and prepares to enter his age on the blue paper. But some one has slipped up. Spike has not been schooled.

"Sixteen, sir," right smartly. Spike has often seen movies in which the unwary soldier had been reprimanded for not saying "sir" to his superiors, and it stands him in good grace here.

The captain lowers his pen, and grins sheepishly at Spike.

"You're quite large for your age aren't you?" And then he looks up at his top-sergeant who is covering up his embarrassment by a sudden coughing spell. The sergeant recovers soon enough, and placing a brotherly arm around Spike's broad shoulders, leads him into an inner office.

"Sergeant Egen tells me that you're quite a ball player," Spike grins modestly.

"Do you want to play ball with us, and help us win the regimental flag this year?"

Spike was eager. "Sure! That's what I am here for."

"Well, huh, you see," the top sergeant shifted his weight from his left leg to his right. "There is the little matter of age, you know. You COULD pass for eighteen. You understand, don't you?" And Sergeant Watters winked broadly at Spike, as one man to another, and playfully poked him in the ribs. Spike grinned understandingly.

They went back to the captain's office, where Captain Toner cocked an eye up to his topdog, saw him wink, and knew that he could proceed with the enlistment.

"How old are you?" he asks, and enters the figure on the blue papers, when Spike answered right smartly. "Eighteen, sir!" Captain Toner holds the pen up to Spike.

"Put your initials under the 'eighteen,' Donnelly." This is but regulations, and is not unusual.

(To be continued)

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Anita Whitney

CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM

The outcome of the Sacramento trial should spur us to redouble our efforts for the passage of Bill 419 which repeals the Criminal Syndicalism Act. As the Assemblymen who are sponsoring the bill have promised to force the bill to a vote on the floor of the House we must keep up a barrage on the Assemblymen of protests in the form of letters, postcards and resolutions, since names of forty-one assemblymen are necessary to bring it onto the floor. Also let your senators know that you expect them to repeal this law. This is the quickest and surest way to release our eight fighting comrades who are back in custody in Sacramento county jail.

* "Sedition" Cases

We must also get into action to protest and fight any repetition by the Federal government of its prosecution and sentencing of workers under the "sedition" law as has just been done in Oklahoma City. Briefly the facts are these:

"Sedition" charges were made nearly a year ago when eighteen persons were arrested following a demonstration organized by the Unemployed Councils before the FERA commissary office in Oklahoma City in May, 1934. The FERA administration called police who used mustard and tear gas followed by firehose on the unemployed workers. Mrs. Wilma Conner, Negro mother of two hungry children, who has been sentenced to one year in the federal penitentiary, was knocked down by the fire hose, arrested and dragged a block down the street. In all, ten workers received prison sentences and in some cases fines were imposed in addition.

The federal government is now preparing to try fourteen workers and intellectuals who have been indicted on charges of "attempting to obstruct justice."

The latter group was jailed recently, after midnight raids by federal detectives, for sending protests to U. S. Attorney Lewis against the imprisonment of some of the defendants who had spent a year in jail awaiting trial and because of their insufficient and in-

edible food provided in the federal jail.

The International Labor Defense which has served notice of appeal on these cases, urges that wires and letters, and resolutions be directed to Federal Judge Vaughn, who sentenced the workers, and to U. S. Attorney Lewis, Federal Building, Oklahoma City, against the attempt to rob workers of their right to protest.

Protests demanding the release of the ten workers who have been convicted should be sent to Federal Circuit Court of Appeals at Denver.

* Tom Mooney

Tom Mooney has sent out an appeal for \$10,000.00 to prepare briefs, records, etc. to carry his appeal to the California Supreme Court. The Communist Party has endorsed this appeal and the Central Committee sent at once \$500 with the pledge of more. The National I. L. D. has pledged \$1000 of which it has already sent \$100 and has called upon its districts and branches and affiliated organizations to join in the campaign to raise the pledge.

* From Siberia

Through the District I. L. D. a letter has come from the Far Eastern organization of the MOPR which includes 163,966 persons, sending greetings of all the members to our class brothers—the eighteen workers of Sacramento. The letter concludes with these words "Fascism cannot stop the victorious advance of the proletariat."

* Local News

A new branch of the I. L. D. has been formed in Hayward with ten applications for membership. The Free Speech Fight still goes on. Three men were arrested at Ellis and Fillmore on March 30, charged with refusing to move on. At the time of his arrest one of the men was walking away from the meeting place carrying a sign on which was printed the "bill of rights." Four men were arrested on March 31 at Columbia Park charged with vagrancy and refusing to move on.

Anita Whitney's case has been postponed. Will be called to have date of trial fixed.

All branches of the I. L. D. should prepare to participate in the United Front May Day Demonstration.

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

ABOLISH MONEY?

The use of "Money" is just one feature of the capitalist system. Not the abolition of one feature—but of the entire system will solve the problem.

Suppose we abolish money, would that solve our problems, if we substituted "proof of having worked" certificates which would entitle one to everything one needed. Please answer this question in the next "Western."

B. M.

ANSWER:

"Proof of having worked" certificates would constitute a form of script payment, such as is now enforced in many industrial towns. This system, which forces work-

ers to trade at company stores and pay high prices is vicious and oppressive. There have been many strikes in America aimed at doing away with this system.

The question is not what medium of exchange a worker shall be paid in, but how much shall he be paid? At the present time he is paid only a fraction of the value of the work he performs.

Capitalism in its "recovery" maneuvers is not seeking to find a way to cure the economic ills of society. Its sole efforts are toward preserving capitalism at all costs. That is why the "recovery" articles which discuss the problem in the capitalist papers fall little short of insanity.

There is only one way to "solve our problems" and that is to do away with the capitalist system and establish a Workers' and Farmers' Government—to build Socialism and to work toward Communism.

Under a Communist Society, money would be abolished. Money would be unnecessary because the distribution of goods would be according to needs and not as it is now according to how little the boss can make the worker accept. There is a long road of organization and struggle before that goal will be reached. But it is the only road out of the present dilemma.

M. Q.

Napa Workers to Organize Against The Exploiters

By a Worker Correspondent.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., April 15. Well, spring is here. We workers can tell by the way the Farm Center groups are holding their meetings all over the valley. It's the same old thing—discussing how they are going to exploit the workers.

The farmers are like H. G. Wells, talking to Stalin—they have learned nothing. Same old bourgeois way. But the workers are learning every day. Let them bring Porto Ricans, Filipino and Japanese workers to Napa County. We will work right with them and organize with them. Yes we are getting on to the Hearsts, the Coughlins, the Longs, the Olsons, the Sinclairs and the Hitlers. The Socialist Labor Party is on the air three times a week, trying to lead us into a blind alley.

We workers are glad to hear the good news about the Scottsboro Boys.

The Latest Lies from the Capitalist Press

By COOLEY

Believe it or not, but Robert I. Ripley has been caught telling the truth. Hearst's Cosmopolitan Magazine for February, 1934, published an article by him in which he said: "Sovietism is a success in Russia. No mistake. The time for failure is now past. It is my opinion that in ten years the U. S. S. R. will be one of the strongest nations in the world."

You'll notice he didn't say a word about Mr. Hearst's famine that was supposed to have been raging in Russia for two years at the time he wrote that. It wasn't until April, 1935, that Ripley said in all the Hearst papers: "Russia is a gigantic poorhouse where millions of people are on the verge of starvation."

So you see Ripley is only half the liar you gave him credit for.

Speaking of famine, the San Diego Evening Tribune of April 11, had this to say: "Paderborn, Germany, (A.P.) Elisabeth Freundlich today confessed hurling her 9-year-old son and her baby daughter from a speeding train because of her poverty. The boy is dead and the girl probably will die." The point of this is that Hitler has his troubles making the Germans forget their misery under his rule. So long ago he started a private famine of his own in Russia—just as Hearst is doing here—to see if it would help the German workers forget some of their own poverty.

He even took up a collection throughout Germany for "Russian Famine Relief" and sent it to the German people in the Volga Region.

And the Germans of the Volga sent Hitler a nice letter acknowledging receipt of the funds and informing him that, since they were very prosperous and didn't need the money, they were sending it to the international "Committee for Relief of the Victims of German Fascism."

There is a letter here from a worker in Watsonville asking if Nell McAllister, prosecutor of the Criminal Syndicalist defendants in Sacramento, is really foreign born. He is. And it reminds me of another brand of "truthful" lie the capitalist papers use against the workers.

Do you remember last summer when they were printing stuff like this: "Harry Bridges, alien boss of the longshoremen . . . etc. . . ." or "The Australian, Harry Bridges, radical chief . . . etc. . . ." It's an old racket; splitting the workers on lines of race prejudice, color prejudice, political prejudice,—or what have you?

And will somebody show me just one clipping from a capitalist paper which says: "Nell McAllister, ALIEN prosecutor of some of California's most militant labor leaders,—one of whom is a direct descendant of a signer of the Declaration of Independence . . . etc. . . ."

The bosses don't care if their well-paid thugs and hirelings are born in Halifax, Hamburg or Hell, just so long as they fight the workers. But if a militant labor leader comes here from any other country on the face of the earth the capitalist press is scandalized and calls him an alien agitator.

In fact a direct descendant of Pocahontas can't cross a county line to lead a strike without being called an "outside agitator."

And here's just a plain, ordinary lie from the Sacramento Union. It says that during the assembly committee hearing on the bill to repeal the C. S. Law, "a few communists deliberately tried to stir up trouble by shouting 'throw out the legislators,'" and so the indignant legislators refused to pass the bill. Actually it was an assemblyman who raised the uproar, demanding that Comrade Hourgarder be thrown out because he was a "red" out on bail.

Nazi Plane Sunk

MOSCOW, April 15. — Germany's largest plane, Dornier Do-X, which incidentally was the largest in the world, has been reported sunk in the Baltic Sea last night, states the Moscow "Daily News" in a press dispatch from Switzerland. Nazi authorities have suppressed the news.

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